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CHIPPEWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS ONTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

Prior to any action being taken on the acceptance of roads into the Chippewa County Road System, the Road Commission Board will consider the following factors:

1. Township Interest
2. Economic and Public Benefit
3. Road Usage
4. Future Impact
5. Available Resources (funding, staff, and equipment)
6. Difficulty of Snow Removal
7. Other Potential Maintenance Problems

In addition, the Road Commission may require technical documentation such as soils or environmental data produced by qualified professionals. All costs associated with preparation of the road for consideration shall be documented and the information provided to the Road Commission.

Other Criteria:

ROAD WIDTHS AND SURVEYS

1. County primary road rights-of-way shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet in width.
2. Road rights-of-way for other than county primary roads shall be a minimum of sixty six (66) feet in width.
3. All dead end roads or streets shall have a “turn-around” with a minimum radius of fifty (50) feet.
4. Road rights-of-way shall be surveyed and marked by registered land surveyors. Legal property descriptions must be provided and the property shall be deeded to the Road Commission.

DRAINAGE

Adequate means to care for surface drainage on and adjacent to the roadway shall be provided. This generally requires ditches connecting to established county drains, natural watercourses, or constructed channels. Where necessary, access easements shall be

provided for maintenance of the drainage system. Ditches shall be constructed along the roadway where necessary.

DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

Appropriate drainage structures including bridges shall be provided where required including at driveway entrances. Driveway culvert sizes shall be determined by the Road Commission with a minimum diameter of 15 inches and a minimum length of 30 feet.

CLEARING AND REMOVAL OF TREES AND BRUSH

All trees, brush, roots, stumps, and other obstructions shall be removed from the roadway right-of-way and ditches.

SIGHT DISTANCE, GRADES, DITCHES, ETC.

The minimum vertical sight distance shall be 400 feet.

The maximum permitted grade shall be 8%.

The width of roadbed shall be not less than 28 feet between shoulder points for non-primary roads.

Shoulder slopes shall be not less than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical with 4:1 preferred.

Ditch depth shall be a minimum of 1 foot below the shoulder point unless otherwise permitted by the Road Commission.

Back slopes shall be not less than 2:1.

In clay or silty soils, a minimum of an 18 inch sand subbase shall be provided beneath a crushed aggregate base.

SURFACE AND CROWN

Surfacing material shall be as determined by the Road Commission and placed on a properly prepared roadbed. Roadway crown from the centerline to the outside shoulder shall be ¼ inch per foot of roadway.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All grading, surfacing, and incidental work shall conform to generally good construction practices.

The parties proposing that a road become a public road and accepted into the county road system must obtain from the affected township a resolution requesting that the Road Commission accept the road into the County Road System. A copy of the approved resolution must be provided to the Road Commission. If the road meets the above requirements, the Road Commission Board MAY accept the road into the County Road System. The Board of County Road Commissioners has complete discretion regarding any acceptance decision or change in these County Road System Guidelines. Any questions should be directed to the Road Commission Manager.

The above requirements are subject to change without notice by the Road Commission.

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