

Corridor Improvement Authority

04/06/2026

Keeler Township Hall

Chairman Rod Pletz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Don Blackmond, Pat Hickey, Harold Schaus, Mike Spain, Rod Pletz, Vicki Pletz and Tom Neary.

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 03/02/2026 by Don Blackmond. Seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed.

Chairman Pletz gave a financial report. The general fund stands at \$1216.61. That includes \$4.22 of interest. The Michigan Class account has \$110,850.08 and has accumulated \$290.41 of interest.

No outstanding bills. No new correspondence.

Chairman Pletz updated the status of the Greater Sister Lakes Business Association sign on the La Perla property.

Pat Hickey received a quote from Creative Vinyl Signs for \$24,662.87.

Discussion about what are the next steps needed to be able legally to move forward with a licensing agreement with the property owners.

A motion was made by Mike Spain that the Corridor Improvement Authority request Keeler Township Supervisor Don Blackmond seek legal counsel opinion about a licensing agreement with the owners of the La Perla property. Seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the current zoning and it was stated that with previous discussions a 4' by 6' digital sign on the existing post would be acceptable to the zoning administrator.

Discussion about the sunset clause and what would need to happen for the CIA to continue.

Chairman Pletz gave an update on the grant application. \$97,000.00 is the amount requested with a \$32,500.00 matching funded by the CIA. Chairman Pletz stated that we need to have a vote to allocate the \$32,500.00 matching fund. Don Blackmond made a motion to commit \$32,500.00 for the grant match. Pat Hickey seconded. A roll call vote was called for. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Pletz gave an update and some minor changes to the playground plan to insure that is ADA compliant. Some changes in pricing due to time and other requirements.

Discussion about ongoing maintenance that is required for the grant application. The monies that need to be budgeted for are \$1000 for mowing, \$1000 per year for Sharrow repainting, \$1000 for

pedestrian sign maintenance. \$7500 for maintenance of the playscape, \$1350 for insurance of the pavilion, a guesstimate of \$3500 for insuring the playscape. These ongoing costs need to be considered for making the application for the grant. A motion was made by Don Blackmond to approve the Grant Application as submitted. Seconded by Pat Hickey. A roll call vote was called for. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of how the DNR selects the grant recipient.

Chairman Pletz again thanked Township Supervisor Don Blackmond and Township Treasurer Sharon Clupper for all their help in making this grant application.

Discussion about the brick fundraising campaign. No decision made.

Discussion about finishing the roof of the pavilion. No decision made.

Vicki Pletz stated that she received a text message from creative vinyl giving her prices on a brass "thank you" plate; 3"x5" is \$149, 5"x5" is \$195, and 4.5"x7" is \$279. (This is for a cast plate). Pat Hickey mentioned that an engraved plate would be much less expensive.

Don Blackmond stated that 3 board members' terms are ending. Mike Spain agreed to another two-year term. Harold Schaus accepted another two-year term. Tom Neary agreed to another two-year term. A new board member Mari Herrell accepted a one-year term which will be presented to the Township board at the April 7th meeting.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 7:01pm. Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Pat Hickey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Harold Schaus. Motion passed unanimously

Secretary,

R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is May 4th, 2026.

Corridor Improvement Authority

Account #0001523160031

			\$230.69	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$230.75
1/31/2026		Balance Forward				\$230.75
2/20/2026		Michigan Class-General Fund	Transfer to CIA for VBC Road Inv.	\$3,321.00		\$3,551.75
2/18/2026	1105	VB County Road Commission	Project # 467.3800		\$319.07	\$3,232.68
2/18/2026	1106	VB County Road Commission	Project # 467.3835		\$3,000.00	\$232.68
2/23/2026		Keeler Township 1804	Winter 25 CIA Capture	\$25,978.39		\$26,211.07
2/28/2026		Honor Credit Union	Interest	\$1.32		\$26,212.39
			\$230.75	\$29,300.71	\$3,319.07	\$26,212.39
3/24/2026		Michigan Class	CIA Investing in MI Class		\$25,000.00	\$1,212.39
3/31/2026		Honor Credit Union	Interest	\$4.22		\$1,216.61
			\$26,212.39	\$4.22	\$25,000.00	\$1,216.61



Account Statement

March 31, 2026

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Account Number: MI-01-0974-0005

Corridor Improvement

Account Summary

Average Monthly Yield: 3.7443%

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Income Earned	Income Earned YTD	Average Daily Balance	Month End Balance
Michigan CLASS	85,559.67	25,000.00	0.00	290.41	833.84	92,157.06	110,850.06

Transaction Activity

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Contributions	Withdrawals	Balance	Transaction Number
03/01/2026	Beginning Balance			85,559.67	
03/24/2026	Contribution	25,000.00			
03/31/2026	Income Dividend Reinvestment		290.41		482522
03/31/2026	Ending Balance			110,850.06	

Tel: (855) 382-0498

<https://www.michiganclass.org/>



(866) 782-2833
 54950 M-51 North
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Estimate #30119

03/31/2026

Prepared for:

Keeler Township Corridor Improvement Authority
 Pat Hickey 708-417-6273

Prepared by:

Creative Vinyl Signs, Inc.
 Salesperson: Pam Spivey
 54950 M 51 North
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone: Fax:

Phone: 269-782-2833 Fax: 269-783-1255

Description:

Sign at LaPerla Grocery Store Parking Lot

(Tax Exempt Number) _____

Quantity	Description	Each	Amount	Tax
1	4h x 6'w double-sided 9mm digital display (resolution 128 x 192 pixels). 24 x Outdoor Module Kit, 2x outdoor 9mm service module, 1 outdoor controller kit, Cellular service for 5 years, 24 xx aluminufrae ScreenHub Software for the life of the sign, Technical Support and ScreenHub Training for the life of the sign. 5 year hardware warranty Power connection must be facilitated by a licensed electrician	\$21,383.87	\$21,383.87	
1	Remove and disposal of Existing Sign and Clock	\$200.00	\$200.00	
1	Paint existing Post column	\$200.00	\$200.00	
1	Paint (for post)	\$129.00	\$129.00	
1	Tubing and hardware for attaching sign to existing posts / welding	\$550.00	\$550.00	
1	Installation of 9mm display sign	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
1	Bucket Truck Use	\$700.00	\$700.00	
1	Permit Fees to be determined (actual cost from township)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1	Electrician Costs (to be determined)	\$0.00	\$0.00	

TOTALS Subtotal: \$24,662.87

Sales Tax: \$0.00

Total: \$24,662.87

Terms:

50% Deposit / balance due when sign ships