

Corridor Improvement Authority

02/04/2026

Keeler Township Hall

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

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

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 01/05/2026 by Pat Hickey. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed.

Chairman Pletz stated that he has received a financial report. The general fund stands at \$230.75. The Michigan class account sits at \$88,625.94. No outstanding bills. No new correspondence.

Chairman Pletz asked about an update for the Greater Sister Lakes Business Association sign on the La Perla property.

Pat Hickey stated that he spoke to the zoning administrator Ryan Laylin again. The zoning administrator said that if that sign came down nothing would be able to be put in its place. The sign could be altered slightly to make it less nonconforming. Reducing the sign area from 5' by 10' to an area of 4' by 6' would be acceptable. Discussion as to how to accomplish that.

Mike Spain made a motion to ask Creative Vinyl to give us a quote for a 4' by 6' digital sign, installed on the existing post. (That will be agreeable with the Zoning Administrator). Pat Hickey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pletz gave an update about applying for the DNR Passport grant. The Corridor Improvement Authority is not able to apply for the grant because there is no Recreational Plan or Capital Improvement plan, however Keeler Township is able to apply for the grant. Chairman Pletz volunteered to be the steward and apply for the grant if Keeler Township gave him permission to do so. Chairman Pletz stated that he was in touch with Midwest Recreational Products that gave him a contact of Tiffany Smith from the MCSA group from Grand Rapids that writes grant proposals and for \$6000 Tiffany would write the grant proposal.

Don Blackmond asked to see the information from the DNR so he could look it over.

Don Blackmond stated that there will be some charges resulting from the work that the Van Buren County Road Commission did relating to the signs and sharrows but he is waiting for the breakdown to determine what would be the Corridor Improvement Authorities responsibility.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 6:41pm. Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Don Blackmond made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed unanimously

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is March 2, 2026.