

**MINUTES TRI, TRID AND
TRIS MEETING
October 2nd, 2025
2:00 p.m.**

The TRI, TRID and TRIS meeting for Townships commenced at 2:00 p.m. on October 2nd, 2025, at Manitowoc County Highway Department. 3500 STH 310 Manitowoc, WI 54220.

Present: The Towns of Centerville (Jerry Vogel), Maple Grove (Paul Hearley), Mishicot (Dean Anhalt & Connie Tesarik), Manitowoc Rapids (John Jost, Jeremy Stradal, Jessica Backus), Kossuth (Ralph Schuh), Liberty (Dustin Hammel & Rick Krueger), Manitowoc (Jeff Blahnik, Jeri Gilbert), Meeme (Dennis Graf), Newton (Denise Thomas), Cato (Jerry Linsmeier), Eaton (Rick Christel), Franklin (John Dugan), Gibson (Steven Rahmlow, Linda Herman), Schleswig (Rich Hoerth), Two Creeks (Bill Schwerma), Two Rivers (Steve Pohl, Bonnie Timm) Greg Grotegut and Gary Mueller (Manitowoc County Highway Department).

Absent: The Towns of Cooperstown and Rockland.

The Highway Commissioner updated the Committee of the Local Roads Improvement Program updates relating the 2026-27 Program Cycle and entitlement allocations along with the information regarding the TRID and TRIS applications and criteria. The Commissioner provided a spreadsheet to each township for previous year allocation. The Commissioner informed the committee that all applications must be submitted in TAS by November 1, 2025.

Rick Christel made a motion to appoint Dustin Hammel (Town of Liberty) as the Committee Chair for the next two-year term, seconded by Paul Hearley (Town of Maple Grove). Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Grotegut made a recommendation to the Chairperson and all the Towns to allow Town of Liberty and Town of Cato to apply for the LRIP-D and LRIP-S. Grotegut explained the circumstance these two Towns are in with Marken Road and the business traffic that it supports. He also explained that this road would likely be ranked above the others due to past denials on the same section of roadway and both Towns working together. Rick Krueger also explained the current and future expansion of the companies on this section of road. Discussion took place.

Rick Christal (Town of Liberty) made a motion to select Town of Liberty (Ranked #1) and Town of Cato (Ranked #2) to apply for the TRI -S and TRI-D funding for Marken Road and all other Towns would opt out of applying for these two funding options. Motion was seconded by Ralph Schuh (Town of Kossuth). Motion passed unanimously.

The Highway Commissioner explained the previous entitlement funding cycles and how the funds were historically divided up. He also informed everyone of the program cap of 9 Towns. Discussion took place.

Denise Thomas (Town of Newton) made a motion to select, the Towns of Eaton, Manitowoc, Meeme, Two Creeks and Town of Two Rivers to receive the evenly distributed funds for the 2026-2027 program. Seconded by Jeff Bahnik, Motion carried.

Town of Two Creeks	\$33,125.46 Early SMA
Town of Manitowoc	\$33,125.46 Early SMA
Town of Eaton	\$33,125.46
Town of Meeme	\$33,125.46
Town of Two Rivers	\$33,125.46
Total Allocation:	\$165,627.30

Denise Thomas made a motion to Adjourn, Seconded by John Jost.
Meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M

Submitted by:
Gregory M. Grotegut
Highway Commissioner