

RESOLUTION #12-22-25-01
APPROVING A REQUEST TO VACATE AND CLOSE 245TH STREET BRIDGE, 245TH
STREET AND EDGEWATER ROAD IN ORONO TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2024, on the proposed vacation and closure of 245th Street Bridge, 245th Street and Edgewater Road in Orono Township, described as follows:

245th Street in Orono Township:

All of an existing roadway easement, originally established Thomas Boggs Road (now known as 245th Street), recorded in Establishment Record Book "B", Page 2, in the Office of the Muscatine County Engineer, varying width (60 feet and 40 feet) over a parcel of land located in Section 16, Township 76 North, Range 4 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Muscatine County, Iowa, lying easterly of the following described Point of Beginning:

Commencing at a concrete monument with broken top found at the West Quarter Corner of Section 16, Township 76 North, Range 4 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Muscatine County, Iowa; thence North 0° 47' 06" East along the west line of said Section 16, basis of bearings for this survey being the Iowa Regional Coordinate System, Zone 14 Burlington, a distance of 4.02 feet to the present centerline of originally established Thomas Boggs Road (now known as 245th Street), recorded in Establishment Record Book "B", Page 2, in the Office of the Muscatine County Engineer, thence South 89° 33' 28" East 415.00 feet along said centerline, to the Point of Beginning.

Said easement contains 4.51 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements and other restrictions of record.

Edgewater Road in Orono Township:

All of an existing roadway easement, originally established Lords Ferry Road (now known as Edgewater Road), recorded in Establishment Record Book "PB", Page 254, in the Office of the Muscatine County Engineer, 40 feet wide over a parcel of land located in Sections 15 and 16, Township 76 North, Range 4 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Muscatine County, Iowa.

Said easement contains 3.65 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements and other restrictions of record.

And the proposed closure, demolition and replacement of Muscatine County Bridge #319, FHWA #257230, located on 245th St roughly 3,125 ft east of Blue Heron Ave, in Section 16, T-76N, R-04W, all within Orono Township, Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board thereafter continued action on the proposed road and bridge vacation to allow the parties time submit supplemental information supporting their damage claims and to thereafter discuss and potentially reach an agreed settlement of their respective differences.

WHEREAS, the parties have now reached a settlement agreement as well as the related documents necessary to effectuate the terms of the settlement agreement.

WHEREAS, both the Edgewater Bridge & Road Association and the Nature Conservancy have signed the settlement agreement and all the related documents and these documents were submitted to the Board of Supervisors on December 22, 2025 for final consideration and action in conjunction with the road and bridge vacation.


WHEREAS, the Board received the information at the hearing on December 22, 2025 has been considered by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors and determined to take action to close and vacate the bridge and roads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:


1. That the roads (245th & Edgewater) described herein above are hereby vacated and closed based upon the settlement terms reached by the parties.
2. That the bridge described as #319, FHWA #257230 is likewise hereby closed and ordered to be transferred to the Edgewater Bridge and Road Association pursuant to the terms of the settlement documents.
3. That Muscatine County will make a damage payment, not to exceed \$1,322,290.00, per the terms and conditions in the attached settlement agreement.
4. That said damage payment will be made to CBI Bank & Trust 310 Iowa Ave., Muscatine, Iowa 52761 to be held and distributed pursuant to the terms of the escrow account and settlement documents.
5. That the Reciprocal Access Agreement allowing for access by the respective parties has been agreed upon and signed by the parties.
6. That Release and Waivers, executed by the individuals comprising the Edgewater Bridge and Road Association have been executed pursuant to the terms of the settlement documents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:



Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk



Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors