

RESOLUTION #2024-19 BRIDGE DEDICATION POLICY

INTENT

The intent of this policy is to allow a gesture of respect and provide guidelines to recognize individuals or groups from the area that have made extraordinary contributions to the public good, including fallen in action service-members and law enforcement personnel who courageously and unselfishly gave their lives in the line of duty.

This policy strives to be in conformance with Iowa Administrative Code 761-131.10 to allow for the dedication of bridges on paved roadways within Poweshiek County and under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

GUIDELINES

This policy applies to dedication for individuals or groups who have made extraordinary contributions to the public and for which there is a local connection. Qualified persons may include local fallen law enforcement personnel and service-members of the United States Armed Services, regardless of war the service-member served in, or may include persons who have made other extraordinary contributions.

Bridge dedication signs are to be installed at highway bridges/structures in all directions of travel. Dedication signs will be in addition to any existing signs identifying the geographical feature being crossed (i.e. – name of river) or the intersecting street at an interchange. The dedication signs are not intended to replace other methods Poweshiek County may have to name/identify bridges.

CONSIDERATION OF VETERANS

The Commission of Veteran's Affairs will review all requests for dedication of bridges for individuals or groups who are being considered due to their military service. The Commission will coordinate and provide the following information:

- Consent from any surviving immediate family members of the deceased service member for whom the bridge is being dedicated. If any immediate family member objects to the dedication, the sign will not be installed.
- Confirmation from the immediate family members of the deceased service member of the proper name to appear on the sign.
- Consent of family members to include abbreviated rank of the fallen service member on the sign.
- A recommendation from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors of whether to approve the dedication.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- Requests to name a bridge after an individual or group must be made to the Board of Supervisors.
- If recognition of the individual or group is due to their military service, the Board will refer the request to the Commission of Veteran's Affairs.
- The individual or members of the group must be deceased for at least one (1) year prior to making a request.
- Bridges shall not be named after more than one individual or group.
- The bridge must be in good condition at the time of the request.
- The name placed on the sign must not be one which could reasonably be considered discriminatory, biased, or inappropriate.
- Requests must include supporting documentation of the significance of the group or individual and demonstrate their connection to the community in which the bridge is located.
- In making the determination to approve the request the Board will consider:
 - The local, regional, and national significance of the group or individual.
 - Existing recognitions of the individual or group in the area and the potential to similarly recognize others.
 - Coordination with other governmental entities.
- If approved the Board will collect a payment for the signs from the requestor and direct it to the Secondary Road Department prior to directing the County Engineer to install the sign.
- The sign will be ordered and installed by the Secondary Road Department. The payment will be full compensation for all costs associated with the sign installation at the bridge, including labor, equipment, posts, and necessary hardware.
- The County Engineer will coordinate the sign design with the requestor.
- Signs shall be white lettering on a brown background. The lettering will be in conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- Signs shall be installed at the bridge in all directions of travel, in addition to any other signs identifying the geographic feature crossed (i.e. river, intersecting street, etc.).
- If sign replacement or maintenance is warranted the requestor will pay that cost.
- If the installation becomes in poor condition and the requestor is unwilling or unable to pay the cost of replacement or maintenance, the signs may be removed.

Adopted this 28 day of March, 2024.

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