

# Road Commission Timeline

## 2000-2011

Pre 2000	<b>3-member BCRC – RJ Burkholz, Robert Forker, Charles Collins</b>
May 2008	BOC expands BCRC – Appoints Jim Daniel and Vick Kinzler = <b>BCRC of: Burkholz, Forker, Collins, Daniel, Kinzler</b>
2009	Kinzler resigns. BOC replaces with Izzy DiMaggio = <b>BCRC of: Burkholz, Forker, Collins, Daniel, DiMaggio</b>
March 2010	RJ Burkholz passed away. Larry Merritt appointed 6/2010. = <b>BCRC of: Forker, Collins, Daniel, DiMaggio, Merritt</b>
September 2011	DiMaggio steps down after seeking Hagar Township Supervisor seat. Lou Gibson appointed = <b>BCRC: Forker, Collins, Daniel Merritt, Gibson</b>
Fall 2011	Rhonda Hildebrand named Managing Director. Brian Berndt is Engineer only.

## 2012

June 2012	BOC receives a copy of a letter from a number of Road Commission employees regarding mismanagement.
June 8, 2012	BOC Chairman asks BCRC Chairman in letter to keep the BOC apprised as they proceed with handling this matter.
June 13, 2012	BCRC Chairman responds to BOC Chairman in a letter that they are having their Labor Counsel undertake an investigation and that they will provide the BOC with general updates.
August 24, 2012	BOC demands response from BCRC on the investigative report.
August 29, 2012	BCRC gives no disciplinary action to the two managers (Kevin Reed and David Fritz), nor to Rhonda Hildebrand. They do demote Hildebrand to her previous title of Finance Director.
September 11, 2012	BOC receives rough copy of Investigative Report.
September 12, 2012	Forker is removed as Chairman of the BCRC in a 3-2 vote. Gibson is elected as Chairman. Forker and Daniel vote no.
September 20, 2012	BOC holds special meeting discuss the investigative report with the BCRC. Each Road Commissioner is given an opportunity to address the BOC. Charles Collins and Larry Merritt are removed from the BCRC. Lou Gibson resigns from the BCRC. BOC appoints Russell Costanza as interim Road Commissioner. = <b>BCRC: Forker, Daniel, Costanza.</b>
September 2012	Derek Perry named Interim Managing Director BCRC
September 24, 2012	Fritz retired.
September 26, 2012	BCRC gives Perry direction to work on separation agreements with Hildebrand and Reed. <b>BCRC: Forker, Daniel, Costanza</b>

October 2012	26 applications were received for the BCRC. Mike Kastner, Jess Minks, and Tim Lynch were appointed. = <b>BCRC: Forker, Daniel, Lynch, Minks, Kastner.</b>
November 2012	Wayne Schoonover hired as managing director.
December 6, 2012	Robert Forker passed away. August Zielke appointed. Kastner elected chair. <b>BCRC: Daniel, Lynch, Minks, Kastner, Zielke</b>

## 2013

March 2013	Kastner, Lynch and Schoonover visit Administration Committee for the BCRC quarterly update.
March 2013	Federal transportation officials begin investigation of BCRC based on complaints raised in 2012 from employees.
May 2013	BCRC votes to terminate contract with Schoonover in a 3-2 vote. Lynch and Kastner voted against. Brian Berndt is named interim Managing Director.
May 2013	Kastner resigns as Chairman and follows shortly with a full resignation from the BCRC. Zielke becomes Chairman. = <b>BCRC: Daniel, Lynch, Minks, Zielke.</b>
May 16, 2013	BOC directs Administrator to prepare feasibility study to examine possibility of integrating the Road Commission into county government or reorganize the Road Commission.
August 2013	BCRC employee addresses BOC stating that harassment issues are not over at the BCRC and non-professional behavior goes all the way to the board level.
October 3, 2013	Administrator Wolf presents Road Commission Feasibility Study at BOC Committee of the Whole meeting.
October 3, 2013	BOC approves resolution which establishes the need for two public hearings on the subject of the BCRC. One will be held on October 10 and one on October 24. (B1310211)
October 10, 2013	BOC Public Hearing is held. 11 people spoke on the Road Commission.
October 24, 2013	BOC Public Hearing is held. 17 people spoke on the Road Commission.
October 31, 2013	BOC holds special meeting. Louie Csokasy is presented as the new Managing Director of the BCRC. 5 people spoke on the subject of the Road Commission. BOC adopts resolution B1311238 which states: "The appointed Berrien County Road Commission has recently employed the professional services of a Managing Director; and it has been suggested that this decision should be granted sufficient time to see if it resolves the County board of Commissioners concerns about the management of the Berrien County Road Commission". It delays any action by the BOC until March 6, 2014 or such other time as the BOC may determine."
November 7, 2013	Administrator Wolf reminds the BOC at their Committee of the Whole meeting that there is one vacancy on the Road Commission and one member with a term expiring at the end of the year. BOC votes to re-appoint Tim Lynch and votes to fill the vacancy on the BCRC with an at-large member.

## 2014

January 9, 2014	Bill Hodge appointed to fill vacancy on BCRC. = <b>BCRC: Daniel, Lynch, Minks, Zielke, Hodge.</b>
March 2014	Resolution A1403109 holds off any action on the BCRC for now.
June 19, 2014	BOC contracts with BCRC for vehicle maintenance. (A1406154)
August 28, 2014	BOC contracts with BCRC for telephone service. (A1408219)
October 23, 2014	Extend deadline for any action on the BCRC. (A1410261)
December 18, 2014	Resolution A1412320(N) – BOC determined not to take over the BCRC.

## 2015

January 2015	James Daniel resigns from BCRC.
March 2015	Joe Margol appointed to fill vacancy. <b>BCRC: Lynch, Minks, Zielke, Hodge, Margol.</b>

## 2016

December 1, 2016	Hodge's seat is vacated via A1612322. The seat remains vacant. <b>BCRC: Lynch, Minks, Zielke, Margol.</b>
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## 2017

2017	Hodge returned to BCRC without voting privileges while court rules. <b>BCRC: Lynch, Minks, Zielke, Margol, Hodge (non-voting).</b>
March 2017	Managing Director Louie Csokasy gives notice. Last Day May 26.
May 2017	Tim Lynch resigns from BCRC. <b>BCRC: Minks, Zielke, Margol, Hodge (non-voting).</b>
June 8, 2017	Bill Smith appointed to fill vacancy. <b>BCRC: Minks, Zielke, Margol, Smith, Hodge (non-voting).</b>
June 20, 2017	BCRC appointed Lindie Delk (Accounting Specialist) as the interim Managing Director by a 3-1 vote. Margol voted against.

## In Summary

2011 – 2017	3 managing directors and 3 interim managing directors
2008 - 2017	15 changes to the BCRC