

Edna Township
Special Board Meeting
Dust Control Policy

July 5, 2022

Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis Sazama, Gary Schattschneider, Ben Bucholz, Echo Dockter and Karen Marthaler were present.

See attached sign in sheet for others in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was posted as the discussion and adoption of a Dust Control Policy for the township.

There have been several requests from land owners on Devils Lake Road for dust control this year. In June, the Board had decided to implement the gravel road plan that Bucholz has been working on. The plan is to work on the gravel roads in a 3 year rotation. As part of this plan the gravel roads would be built up, graded to a 5% crown and then dust control applied. In addition to controlling the dust the chemical also acts as a binder. As this plan was being discussed/developed the Board realized that there was no policy or plan to determine which roads get dust control. The Board determined that it was time to have a dust control policy. The intent at the June meeting was to have the policy ready for the July meeting. The number of requests for dust control prompted the Board to call for a special meeting.

The people present were all from Devils Lake Road. Last year the township did do dust control on that road. There were questions about how much dust control would cost, just for the section from Jakim Trail out to 460th. How often does the township do dust control? Does it happen every year? Which roads get done? How do you decide which roads? Bucholz had an estimate of the cost to do the Devils Lake Road based on the cost from last year. Most of these questions were answered by the explanation of the new plan to maintain gravel roads. Torey Sonnenberg was also present and answered questions. One suggestion was to slope the road all to the swamp side, instead of a crown in the middle of the road. Sonnenberg explained that this would cause cullies all the way across the road. The crown should be splitting the runoff. This can also be an issue in the winter. If the road gets icy cars will be more likely to slide into the ditch. There are problems with this gravel road. There are spots that develop pot holes, spots that wash out after every rain and spots where it is a washboard. The supervisors took notes and will be checking into these spots. Devils Lake Road was built up in 2011 to help with the highwater issues. There was a question about why the township would add more gravel to this road. It was explained that building this road up including crowning the road and adding the dust control is the township's proactive way to cut costs long term. The long range goal is to get the gravel road to the appearance and firmness of an asphalt road. There is no definite answer to when dust guard is effective and when it will wear out or get lost. Weather, weight, speed, and amount of traffic all affect the condition of the road and the effectiveness of dust control. Land owners voiced concerns about traffic control. It is a continuing problem on many of the township roads. There has been no effective way found to get traffic to slow down, especially on the roads around the lakes.

The proposed dust control policy was shared with everyone. Some questions were raised about when dust control would be applied. Edna Township usually applies dust control in late June or early July. Minimal grading is done after that. The supervisors and Sonnenberg agreed that it is not too late to apply dust control to Devils Lake Road. The proposed Dust Control Policy has deadline dates that will not be enforced this year.

The supervisors made minor changes to the wording of the proposed Dust Control Policy and Application Request. Sazama made a motion to adopt the Dust Control Policy and the Application Request Form. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. These are attached to the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Dennis P. Sazama
Echo J. Dockter

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Kim Wyatt <

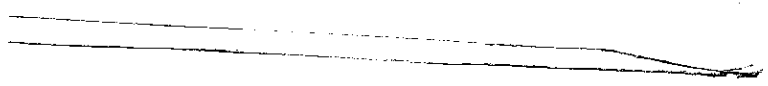
Harvey & Penny Moos

Karen Gibson

Jon Anderson

Jeff Mathson

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Edna Township Dust Control Policy

As of July 5, 2022, the Edna Township Board has approved a dust control policy for the township. The township maintains 24 gravel roads totaling 31 miles and has created a "Gravel Road Rotation" to build the gravel roads up to a 4-5% crown. In this rotation, once gravel is added, there will be dust control applied to each newly graveled road to help preserve the road. Gravel roads in the current year rotation will be posted on the website in December for the following year. The proposed gravel road rotation for future years is subject to change.

The rising costs of material prevents Edna Township from continuously applying dust control on all roads year after year. Therefore, residents who wish to have dust control can make a request to the township but they are solely responsible for the payment of this service.

If residents would like dust control on their road which is outside of the rotation for that calendar year, the process in obtaining dust control is as follows:

1. The complete Edna Township Dust Control Application must be received by 5 pm April 15th of the calendar year.
2. Cost of the treatment will be provided by April 20th. Edna Township will rely on the Resident Point of Contact to determine the cost per resident. Payment in full must be received by the town treasurer by May 15th of the calendar year.
3. Submit Application to the clerk via email or US postal service. Contact information is on the website.
4. No dust control application will be initiated by the township without receipt of payment for the entire road.

Dust control MUST be applied to the entire Edna Township Road, not in front of specific approaches or areas. All residents on the dust control road are solely responsible for payment of this service if the requested road is not on the rotation for the calendar year.

Dust control can only be applied by a township certified provider. Any other application of dust control will be subject to the normal grading authorized by the Township. The grading services provided from the township WILL NOT maneuver around dust control areas not done by the Township.

Dust control is optimally done after a rainfall, followed by grading. The normal time frame is early July. Once a road has had dust guard applied it is not usually graded until Fall.

Chairman *Dennis P. Szynko*
Date 7-6-2022

Clerk *Eduardo Docko*
Date 7-6-2022

Edna Township Dust Control Application Request

TO: Edna Township Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

SUBJECT: Request for Dust Control Application

It is hereby requested that a Dust Control Agent be applied to _____ St./Ave./Rd/Ln./Dr.

The residents making this request have selected _____ as the Resident Point of Contact. The Resident Point of Contact can be reached at this phone/email for coordination purposes: EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THIS CONTACT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Dust Control Applications must be received by 5 pm on April 15th.

Full payment for the Dust Control Application must be received by 5 pm on May 15th.

Dust Control Applications will not occur without full payment made.

While Edna Township is coordinating the Dust Control Application, it is understood that the residents requesting the Dust Control are responsible for the full cost of the Dust Control Application.

Edna township requires that the entire gravel road be treated with a dust control agent.

Prior to the actual application date, the township will contact the Resident Point of Contact to give notice. Edna Township makes no warranty of Dust Control effectiveness as product may be affected by soil conditions, weather conditions, traffic density, etc.

Submitted by: _____ Resident Point of Contact

This application maybe emailed to the clerk or delivered by USPS.

All current contact information is listed on the Edna Township website. EdnaTownship.org

Edna Township has the right to blade the treated area, if in their opinion, the road needs surface maintenance. Such blade work will be done with no notification to the resident. Edna township has sole responsibility to maintain the road as our representatives see fit. This is done to provide a safe road for the traveling public. Please note, the effectiveness of the dust control treatment may vary with weather conditions and traffic. Edna Township will not be held responsible for the performance of the dust control product. Edna Township will also not be responsible for any claims arising out of the application of dust control.