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Former Emmet County Road Commission manager receives statewide Distinguished Service Award

LANSING, MI – Retired Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC) manager Brian Gutowski, PE, was honored by the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan with a Distinguished Service Award at the 2023 CRA Highway Conference held March 22 in Lansing.

Distinguished Service Awards recognize road agency staff and commissioners who have dedicated their time and service in an outstanding manner to the advancement of the county road and bridge system in Michigan.

Gutowski, now an Emmet County Commissioner, was recognized for his dedication to improving roads in Emmet County among many other contributions to the county transportation network. Brian's continued service as a commissioner is greatly appreciated by CRA.

"Michigan road agencies are made up of dedicated staff," said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. "Brian's hard work as a manager and serving in other leadership capacities have been very important to the residents of Northwest Michigan."

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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