

THE MPPD MINUTE



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BEEP, BEEP, COMING THROUGH!

Over the last couple of years, there have been an abundance of oversized loads traveling through MPPD's district. A lot of preparation goes into an oversized load which includes house and building moves and can take several months to organize depending on the size of the load.

The first step when transporting an oversized load in MPPD's district is filling out the Oversized Load permit located on MPPD's website, www.mppdonline.com. Once the permit and map of the route has been submitted, MPPD measures the route and generates an invoice that must be paid upfront before the transporting process can begin.

It is up to the owner or moving company to receive clearance from all districts of whom they will be traveling through. At times it is necessary for the state patrol to be involved, providing escorts or guide traffic if traveling on state roads.

It takes several employees to complete an oversized move. Depending on the load and how fast they are traveling, MPPD will have two to three vehicles in front of the load to lift the line up. If the load is too high, MPPD linemen will have to shut power off and let the line down. One MPPD truck follows the oversized load to ensure safety and to put lines back up and restore power if necessary.

All things considered, this is quite a process and it is necessary for clear communication between entities to complete an oversized move.



Journeyman lineman Randy Propp lifts a powerline as the oversized load travels through the district to relocate a home.

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN



Heath Bortner (left) and Jim Ruggles are pictured taking the Oath of Office.

Re-elected board members Heath Bortner and Jim Ruggles were sworn in during January's board meeting. Heath became a board member in 2022 and has been re-elected to serve a six year term as the Subdivision 3 representative. He is currently the vice president of the board. Jim has been a board director since 2013 and is beginning his third term as the Subdivision 5 representative and the board secretary.