

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
January 17, 2024

Commission members Present: Ron Leingang, Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, Roger Hille

Commission members Absent: Steve Tomac

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Natalie Pierce, Mark Isaacs, Abe Ulmer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Jackie Buckley

Kyle made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The agenda was amended to change the order of items 1 and 2 and add item 4 Policies, 5 \$ 600 Section Line Payment and 6) Pressure Washer. Ron 2nd. Motion carried.

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Kyle 2nd, motion carried.

1. Honey Hills Estates Second review of revised plat – NDDOT wants Square Butte Road realigned to square up the intersection. This will change 5 lots to be changed from an area of 2.3 acres to 2.2 acres. This was presented to the Road Commission for their review and consensus. Roger made a motion approving the revised plan of Honey Hills 2nd Ron 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
2. Discuss 2nd Approach Permit for Kevin Miller in High Chaparral Estates – After discussion it was decided that only one approach permit be allowed and that be within the sub division. No motion is required since the existing Temporary Approach Permit will run its course, it was to require at the end of construction and the existing approach will have to be removed in the Spring.
3. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bridges near Flasher and St Anthony are under contract with APEX. Structure type has been selected. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) selected Alignment. Little Heart Bridge – Work complete, except for top soil placement and seeding. These items will be completed in the Spring. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) – application for Flex Funding has been submitted. Announcement of the awards during 1st quarter. This bridge is ready to bid, so that will be a plus. The bridge on County Road 80, awarded to Midwest Construction, work is complete and the road is open. The bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz, both box culverts are completed and the road is opened. Bridge North of Mandan (Mork) with (KLJ), Road Commission agreed to straighten out road. Road Commission agreed that KLJ is entitled to an additional \$35,000, will have to follow up with KLJ. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering), work is complete. The bridge near Danzig Dam (SRF), received information from SRF that the COE will not approve a permit for a project that fills the channel, such as an RCB. The replacement bridge will have to be a bridge that is at least as long as the existing bridge. Design of this project has been paused indefinitely. Bridge North of Glen Ullin on the

frontage road, NDDOT working on easement options since a portion of one of the wing walls will be on NDDOT (I-94) right of way. Bismarck District sent the permit to FHWA for review and concurrence. NDDOT Awarded the Starck Bridge project to Swingen Construction. Sauber Engineering was selected for the Construction Engineering. Swingen Construction is planning on a tentative start date of January 29, 2024, with completion by the end of 2024.

- d. Budget Update – Overtime, Salary and Stock Items are the budget lines that have been exceeded. There will be some large charges in the next month weeks with the Box Culvert work being completed.
- 4. Policies - Working on showing the revisions on each of the policies. Should be ready to present at the February Road Commission Meeting.
- 5. The County Commission approved vacating a section line without requiring a \$ 600 payment as was recommended by the Road Commission. The policy will have to be modified if we want to charge an amount for vacating a section line.
- 6. Pressure Washer – our existing pressure washer is over 20 years and certain repair parts are no longer available. The parts that are available are expensive, due to scarcity. The Road Commission recommended purchasing a new Pressure Washer and take the money out of the Stock Items Line in the budget.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned 10:20 am.