

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
March 18, 2020

Commission members Present: Ron Leingang, Jackie Buckley, Roger Hille (telephone), Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Kyle Kirchmeier

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Nate Krikorian, David Gaugler (Finley Engineering), Kurt Anderson (BEK), Kim Kingsley

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Jackie Buckley

John requested to amend the agenda. Terracon was not able to attend due to the Coronavirus threat, so they would be dropped from the agenda. Move BEK to the first item after the Monthly Updates. Kim Kingsley section line request moved to follow BEK.

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Ron 2nd, motion carried

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Steve 2nd, motion carried

1. Monthly updates

Design Projects –Little Heart Bridge – Interstate Engineering; recommend that Morton County select Wenk Engineering to started permit work. Youngtown – AE2S Hydraulic Report is complete, they have made three alternates to pursue.

Construction / Culvert Replacements – Sims Bridge – Midwest Contracting, LLC of Marshall, MN is under contract. Work should commence in July or August. County work this summer will be completion of the Landfill Road, Slope Failure on CR 83 and bridge replacements.

Budget / Cash Flow information was reviewed, both for the Budget Year End of 2019 and Cash Flow for February 2020.

8. BEK Communications – BEK has been awarded a Grant to install fiber optic cable for rural Morton County. One of the requirements is that the cable to installed in County Right of Way. Morton County will allow the cable to be installed in the County Right of Way, but as near the fence line as practical. Roger made a motion allowing BEK to install their cable at a minimum depth of 42 inches, which is the industry standard for communication cable. Steve 2nd, motion carried.

7. Kim Kingsley Section Line Request – Kim asked Chad to have the County place Scoria on the Section Line Road to his house. This would be in violation of the policy that states the County will provide two truckloads of Scoria per year when requested for a minimum maintenance Section Line Road. The cost of upgrading the Road with Scoria for three quarters of a mile would be in excess of \$31,000. Ron made a motion to haul four loads of Scoria to the road and fill the ruts and blade the

ruts shut. Steve made the 2nd. The motion carried. This Road will be handled the same as any minimum maintenance section line road.

2. Items 2 and 3. The 5 year bridge plan was reviewed by the group as well as the gravel plan. Remediation of the Norton Gravel Pit was reviewed. The remediation was based on adding crushed rock and sand added in proper proportions so the gravel will pass the Class 13 Specification, while minimizing the amount of reject. The consensus of the group is that it is too expensive to improve the material. Chad recommended that the material be used for maintenance of minimum maintenance roads.
4. Dates for Bids – Dates were discussed for Pavement Marking, Gravel Crushing, Motor Grader Purchase, Pipes. The commission would like to see the Gravel Crushing Bid moved to earlier than June.
5. Mandan NW Street Improvement District discussion – Reviewed email from the Mandan City Engineer, regarding citizen concerns that the County is using the road and not contributing to the improvements. The Commission agreed unanimously that the County will not participate in financing the improvements.

Roger made a motion to adjourn at 11:25. Ron 2nd. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.