

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2019**

Commissioner Ron Leingang called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Other commissioners present were Roger Hille, Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, and Travis Wolf. Also present were Chad Schneider, Nate Krikorian, Dylan Wolf, Natalie Pierce, Lowell Keller, and Brent Keller.

Upon motion by Buckley and second by Kirchmeier, the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

The order of items on the agenda was adjusted to move the Dylan Wolf Subdivision issue, the Brent Keller 48<sup>th</sup> street maintenance issue, and the County park discussion to the beginning of the meeting. Motion by Buckley and Seconded by Kirchmeier.

Dylan Wolf presented information regarding a proposed plat located in the S1/2 of Section 21, Twp 139N, R 83W. He feels that the 50 foot easement or right of way width from centerline as required by the current Morton County Land Use Code is not appropriate. His classification of the road segment and corresponding right-of-way or easement width is different than the County Highway Department's classification, both at the time of original submission and currently. Upon motion by Hille and second by Kirchmeier, a motion to recommend a 50 foot easement width from centerline requirement on the plat submission was approved with Hille, Kirchmeier, Buckley, and Leingang voting in favor, Wolf abstaining. That recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commission.

Lowell and Brent Keller requested snow removal on a section of 48<sup>th</sup> street. That segment is not constructed to county standards, so maintenance will be provided in accordance with Morton County policy for section line roads. No action by the Commission was necessary.

Tim Nilsen presented information regarding access to sovereign lands in the Willow Road/Square Butte Road area. If the access road to this area is built to county standards, the county will be required to maintain it in accordance with current policy. No action by the Commission was necessary or taken.

Krikorian and Hille provided an update on design and construction projects: Swingen Construction Company was the apparent low bidder on the Almont bridge. Their bid of \$1,981,649.10 was 11% over the engineer's estimate, and is recommended for award. That project is expected to be completed in 2019.

The Plans for the Sims bridge are under review and are approximately 90% complete. Engineer Saiki is investigating wing wall options. Permits and memorandum of agreement relating to the historic nature of the truss at that location have been submitted. A May letting and 2019 construction is anticipated.

The Preliminary hydraulic report for the Little Heart river bridge has been submitted and is under review.

A consultant will be selected assist in design and hydraulics regarding the Youngtown bridge project. It is anticipated that project will be a multi-barrel box culvert.

Plans for the 16<sup>th</sup> street and Sunny road are near completion. Those projects will go out for contractor quotes and locally funded.

County construction projects will include the Landfill Road reconstruct, CR 139 slide repair, and a number of culvert replacement projects.

The Knife River Haul Road agreement has been reviewed by the state Attorney's office and will be processed accordingly

A budget update was provided

Upon motion by Kirchmeier and second by Wolf, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.