

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
April 19, 2023

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, Roger Hille, Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Ron Leingang

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Dave Ferderer, Lacie Chezic

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amended to add Gravel Crushing Discussion and Update on information for Snow Removal Reimbursement and FEMA Reimbursement. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried.

Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve 2nd, motion carried.

1. Chad Czczok – Requesting to change the location of the approach to their property. Removing the existing on Dakota Loop and building one on 35th St. The property owner will have to submit an approach permit application. The address may change, based on how Emergency Management will handle the new approach. Kyle made motion to authorize the approach on 35th St, removal of the existing approach on Dakota Loop and the County will not maintain 35th St east of the intersection with Dakota Loop. Roger 2nd, motion carried.

- 2 a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – Bridges near Flasher and St Anthony are under contract with APEX. Sauber is under contract for Stark bridge and design is in progress. A public input meeting was held the last week of March. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) design is progressing. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown work is progressing on getting this project ready for bidding through the NDDOT system. Little Heart Bridge – Martin Construction under contract and Shop Drawings approved. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) - Quality Dirtworks has gone out of business and will not complete the work. There is a signed contract. Roger made a motion that the County Engineer contact the States Attorney to address additional possible liabilities that maybe incurred from additional bid prices, liquidated damages, additional administrative costs and assure the bonding company is liable for the additional costs. Steve 2nd, motion carried. The bridge on County Road 80, awarded to Midwest Construction, shop drawings are approved. The 2 bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz, shop drawings are being reviewed. Bridge North of Mandan (KLJ), Road Commission agreed to straighten out road. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering) under contract with Midwest Construction. Shop drawings are approved. 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.

- b. Construction Projects – newly constructed Box Culverts near Hebron have worked well as have the pipes installed last year.
 - c. Culvert Replacements – All pipes have been ordered for 2023.
 - d. Budget Update – Overtime is the one budget line that has been exceeded.
3. Gravel Crushing – options were discussed. It was decided that contractors will be allowed to bid each pit separately. Roger recommended contacting the crushing contractors and see what could be done to make it more likely they will bid.
4. Update on Information to be submitted for Snow Removal reimbursement and FEMA – Work is progressing on getting the information gathered and prepared for submission before the deadline for snow removal. The Highway Department is prepared for repairing the roadways and recording the information to make it easier to submit to FEMA if needed. Chad demonstrated using the iPads for collecting the needed information.

Roger made a motion to adjourn, Kyle 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.