

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
May 15, 2019

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

Commission members Absent: Travis Wolf

Others present: John Saiki

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Chairman Ron Leingang.

The agenda was amended to Move item 2 Pearl Rhone – Athens Drive South to first item after Approval of the minutes for previous meeting. Jackie Buckley wanted to add Gravel for the Fairground and Blading the road at the Fairground and up to the Cow. She also wanted to add request for grading on County Road 84 and CR 134. Saiki wanted to add two items both involving the City of Mandan. Allow the City to purchase gravel from the County, 12 to 14 loads and have the County increase the size of the land fill using the County Scraper. The Roger made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended and Jackie second. Motion carried.

Jackie made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger second. Motion carried.

Item 2. Pearl Rhone – Athens Drive South (tw23 rt24) 43rd and Athens Drive has been maintained by the property owners. Timothy Spilman was in attendance and stated that six people use the road and that the road is now a school bus route, due to the policy Harlow's has that the children be picked up at their address of record. They would like the County to maintain the road, add gravel and grade the road. At the April 17 meeting, the County agreed to added gravel on 43rd Street. Before the County will maintain the road, Timothy Spilman will have to sign a release allowing County equipment to turn around on his property. Saiki will draft a release for Mr. Spilman's signature. He agreed he will sign. Road Commissioner Hille said no formal action is needed in the form of a resolution. The County will add additional gravel and add the road to the long range improvement schedule.

Monthly updates

Design Projects – Almont Construction should start next week. Someone from the Highway Department will attend the Almont City Council meetings the first Monday of the month to provide updates of the progress of the project. Sims Design – Bid Opening has been moved to July. Houston Engineering is finishing up the changes the DOT wanted to see after the plan review. The Sims Historical Society will be accepting the old Bridge. Little Heart (Laubner) Bridge – design is continuing. Youngtown – negotiations are continuing with AE2S for design.

Construction / Culvert Replacements – Timberhaven Pipe installation is complete, so is that entire project. Three large pipes (72") were delivered for bridge replacements. Those will be completed over the next 6 to 8 weeks. Willow Road Special Assessment District design was discussed, informing the Road Commission on the status of the design and petition.

3. Bauer Gravel Pit – The gravel pit was discussed as to whether the County should sell the material. Saiki thought a good option would be hire a contractor to rescreen the material and remove the high amounts of clay. This would replace having to blend the gravel with other sources. The decision made at this meeting was to have a Materials Testing firm sample and test the material. The results will then be reviewed and a decision made.

4. BSC GPS Bismarck Base Station – Morton County relies on the BSC Base Station for GPS surveying around the County. BSC no longer wants to maintain the base station. It is reaching the end of its life. The City of Bismarck Engineering has agreed to maintain the base station. It will take approximately \$ 20,000 to replace the failing base station. \$5,000 has been committed by the ND Geologic Survey to replace the equipment. New equipment will last 10 – 15 years. The City of Bismarck relies heavily on the base station. If the station goes away, the best alternative is to use a subscription service with an annual cost of \$1,600. The City has asked for commitments to support the new system financially. Due to the County's reliance, Saiki would like to contribute up to \$ 5,000. The thought is if 10 consultants/local governments contribute, then the cost for each would be on the order of \$ 1,500 per entity. Roger Hille introduced a motion to maintain access to the base station. Jackie second. The motion passed.

5. Gravel for the Fairground Road and blading the road. The Fair board has requested approximately 8 – 10 loads of gravel for the roads by the Fairgrounds and to Salem Sue. The Fair Board is willing to participate. The County does not sell gravel. The County would haul gravel and spread the gravel providing labor and equipment. Kyle stated we should do something since it is the County. Jackie was advised that the Fair Board should buy the gravel from a contractor, such as Kniferiver. The Highway Department will haul the gravel if needed. The Fair Board would like the work completed by the end of June. Roger Hille made a motion that the Highway Department partner with the Fair board to maintain Fairground Road and Road to Salem Sue. Jackie Buckley second, motion passed.

6. Maintenance on CR 84 and 134 South East of New Salem, between New Salem and Judson. Talk to Chad. The Road Commission didn't see any issues with the request. No action needed.

7. City of Mandan has request the purchase of 12 to 14 loads of gravel. The opinion of the Road Commission is that if the gravel is to be used on County Roads in accord with the Maintenance Agreement with the City, signed last year then the County will sell the Gravel. If not then the City will have to buy the gravel from a commercial pit.

8. Landfill – using the Scraper. The County has done this type of work for the City in the past. If the project small a couple of days, then go ahead and work with the City. If it is several weeks, then the City will have to hire a contractor. We do not want to take County employees from their assigned work for weeks at a time.

There was a motion made and second at 10:30 to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.