

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
May 15, 2024

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Leo Kraft, Todd Roth

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 remove item number 1 Kevin or Kristina Miller appeal and add item 7 Radios. Steve 2nd. Motion carried.

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

1. Kevin or Kristina Miller – Appealing their temporary approach permit denial. Deleted and will be added to the agenda for the June Meeting.
2. Discuss the Fence Line in Timmer – Leo Kraft – The Road was platted when the town was platted, grass is growing since this is not maintained and it is not a Section Line. Leo Kraft would like to split the Right of Way in half with a new fence down the center, to graze cattle. To remove the roadway the land would have to be re-platted as one property rather than numerous lots. Recommendation of the Road Commission is either replat, or rather than spending the money for a replat, but a fence at each end of the roadway and allow the cattle to graze.
3. Garbage Bids – reviewed the bids. Waste Management is the low bidder, over Eco-sanitation and Trans-trash. The Road Commission agreed to remain with Waste Management.
4. Chuck Mork's Trees – This item was discussed and no action was taken.
5. Discuss Tokach Timberhaven Road – Discussed Gregg Greenquists letter and the road maintenance requests he outlined. The work he has requested will be paid by Special Assessment. A letter will be sent outlining the Special Assessment process and include a copy of the approved Special Assessment Procedure. There will have to be local work regarding contacting residents to determine a scope of work before an estimate and petition can be generated. That work will have to be completed by a resident.

Jackie Buckley asked Todd Roth if he had business before the board or observing. He said he was observing and would like to get information regarding getting the roads in his subdivision re-graveled. Engineer Saiki will prepare some documents for a special assessment for the subdivision and send them to Mr. Roth.

6. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bridges near Flasher and St Anthony are under contract with APEX, bidding in January 2025. Structure type has been selected. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) selected Alignment, Bidding January 2026. Little Heart Bridge – Work complete. Bridge North of Mandan (Mork) with (KLJ), Road Commission agreed to straighten out road. Survey will start this month. 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. Starck Bridge project is progressing. Swingen Construction has completed setting the girders on the Starck Bridge. Decking has started.
 - c. Culvert Replacements – Chad reviewed the plans for the summer. Knife River started contract hauling May 14, 2024.
 - d. Budget Update – No large overages like last year. There is money in the Contractor line item and County Bridge line item, enough to cover the Remainder of the Starck Bridge, the match for the overlay on CR 139 and replacement of the Graf Bridge, north of the truck stop. We will proceed with bidding these two projects.
7. Radios – The base stations in the office no longer work. Rather than invest money in repairs, we will prepare an estimate for replacing the two way radios in the vehicles. We will eventually have to change over and 2025 would be a good time since the reimbursement for each unit is still available. This will be included in our proposed 2025 budget.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned 10:50 am.