

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
May 17, 2023

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

Commission members Absent: Kyle Kirchmeier

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Allen Koppy, Brenda Schaff, Carmen Knoll, Wayne Cochran, Julie Zachmeier

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Ron Leingang

Jackie made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amended to Wayne Cochran and Timberhaven discussion to the agenda. Steve 2nd. Motion carried.

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Added assure the Bonding Company would be liable for the additional costs involved with the Graff Bridge. Jackie 2nd, motion carried.

1. Carly Schaff – Requested closing a section line along her property. The County has to preserve section line dedicated easements. Future owners may need a section line for access to property. County doesn't want the liability of acquiring land to reopen a closed section line. Roger made a motion to deny the request, based on the above information. Jackie 2nd. Motion carried.
2. Mark Zachmeier - Requested the County maintain Jessica Drive. The County has not maintained in the past. 80 feet wide strip of land is platted for the road, but there is no Cul de Sac. The Road Commission concurred with blading once or twice a way, but not add any gravel nor plow snow. Handle like a minimum maintenance road.
3. Wayne Cochran – Requested Bluestem Drive be treated to reduce the dust. There is lots of dust due to vehicles. Paving would be ideal, but would have to be addressed with a petition and the County Special Assessment process. Natalie can assist with determining the size of the subdivision and the included streets. The Highway Department will provide Preliminary and Construction Engineering. A resident(s) will have to request a petition and circulate it to get the needed signatures to continue with the Special Assessment process.
4. Dale Schmidt – Requested reduced speed limit signs installed near his house in an attempt to slow down passing traffic. Roger made a motion to deny installing two reduced speed limit signs at a single location. Jackie 2nd. Motion Carried
5. 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. 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. Quality Dirtworks has not paid an aggregate supplier. At this time a letter will be sent to the bonding company, through the States Attorney Office, advising that Quality Dirtworks owes the money to the supplier. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) – The County does not have a Performance Bond for this project. At this point Morton County will cash the Bid Bond, follow up with the Bonding Company regarding a Performance Bond that was not forwarded to the County. All correspondence will go through the States Attorney Office. 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) shop drawing have been 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 – Discussed three projects County forces will be working on in the next few weeks. Engineer Saiki will contact all the contractors and get schedules for completion of the projects. The bridge at Solen will be in the June 9, 2023 NDDOT Bid Opening. The RFP for Construction Engineering was posted on May 16, 2023.
 - 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 – will be advertised starting May 19, 2023. The crushing locations have been separated in to multiple locations, rather than one total quantity.
4. Update on Information to be submitted for Snow Removal reimbursement and FEMA – Total costs for the snow removal from October 1 through December 31, 2022 are \$880,380.00. The FEMA Spring Flooding repairs involved 168 individual locations and a total cost of \$193,082.00. Work is progressing on getting the information gathered and prepared for submission before the deadline for snow removal from January 1 through May 1, 2023.
5. Timberhaven – a resident requested a couple of signs that state “dumping prohibited.” The Road Commission concurred with the installation of two signs.

Jackie would like the Highway Department to be more active on Facebook with road closures, projects, meeting agendas, etc.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Jackie 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.