

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**May 19, 2021**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider

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

Kyle made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The agenda was amended to accommodate Donald Kopp and Arden Hagerott who both said they would attend. Neither did. Jackie 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. The meeting continued with the note that if either Mr. Kopp or Mr. Hagerott arrived, we would stop the meeting and move to their concerns.

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

1. Monthly updates

Design Projects – Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering) Solicitation of Views letters have been sent. Preliminary Survey is complete. Little Heart Bridge (Interstate Engineering) no change from last month. I am scheduling a meeting with Wade Senger, RVP for their Central Region to discuss this project and the lack of progress. Youngtown (AE2S) Permit application submitted to the Corps of Engineers.

Construction Projects – Microsurface project on CR 139 (ASTECH) waiting on the signed contract. Once that is received we can discuss the schedule and Pre Construction Conference. We discussed the benefits of a Microsurface as opposed to a chip seal. In addition to sealing the surface the Microsurface will fill voids, such as rutting in the wheel paths and improve the ride quality. Received a quote from Weisz and Sons to repair the deck of the Tellman Bridge, 133-05.0. This will correct the Alert Code 3 for this bridge. Willow Road was discussed. The Special Assessment Screening Committee met and recommended approval of the three Special Assessments, Rock Haven Harbor, Zachmeier Flats and Entzel Acres. The Resolution of Necessity will be presented to the County Commission at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting and July 8<sup>th</sup> presented as a date for the Public Hearing. Culvert replacements have been completed on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave and CR 140. The Dirt Crew is working improving CR 140 in the same area, improving ditches, inslopes and adding gravel. The Contract Gravel Haulers have started. The Gravel Crew has completed 15 miles to date.

2. Donald Kopp – West Fish Creek Section Line – This was discussed. It is a Section Line Road, a portion of which has been closed due to erosion along the river. The expense would be too great to upgrade this road for the benefit. No one lives along the road and there are alternate routes that are in good condition. The Road Commission would not be opposed to the Highway Department taking over maintenance if the road were brought up to current County standards.

3. Arden Hagerott called Chad to complain about the amount of dust being generated by the number of trucks move to and from Fred Berger's Feed Lot. Minutes from the April 27, 2019 Road Commission were reviewed, where this topic was discussed. There was some discussion about perhaps a cost share, for application of Magnesium Chloride, between or among the County and adjoining land owners. Nothing was decided and the topic was continued to a later meeting. Chad stated that if a land owner wanted to pay for the application in full, he would coordinate with the contractor.

Carl Berger – called to see about the Highway Department taking over maintenance of 22 Ave, along the half mile section line road to his house. When the approach permit was issued the address was established along CR 137 until such a time as the road was brought up to current standards. He has made improvements and graveled the road and it is in good condition. There are some areas that have steep inslopes. When Carl fills in these areas, the Highway Department will take over maintenance. Chad was going to follow up with Carl.

Before the end of the meeting Ron Leingang wanted to review the Nuisance Declaration in Judson that Custer District Health is seeking. Kyle stated that before the Sheriff's Department is involved, there will have to be a court order. The Highway Department would prefer to have a contractor clean up the locations due to their heavy workload this summer. There was discussion as to who would ultimately pay for the costs, whether the property owner would be assessed and would pay. There was also discussion as to how the work would be accomplished. If the highway department is going to be asked to provide an estimated cost, it would be based on breaking down the trailers and hauling them off as opposed to moving them.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.