

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
June 15, 2022

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

Commission members Absent: All members present

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Jon Hagerott, Arden Hagerott, Sam Voigt, Travis Helfrich

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Added Travis Helfrich and Sam Voight to the agenda as items 2 and 3. Kyle 2nd. motion carried

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

1. Arden Hagerott Section Line – The existing road which is access to the Hagerott rented land to the north does not follow the section line for the south half of section 12 T140N R83W. This road has been available for many years. A new subdivision was approved and the road that has been used now goes to the subdivision. The renter has placed a gate across the road and locked it. The renter has not responded to requested to the Hagerotts to gain access as in the past. There is access to the Hagerott rented land, but involves using trails one mile to the east and need improvement before they can be used. Hagerotts would like to improve the actual Section Line on the east of section 12 T140N R83W, improvements would involve constructing an approach and some grading. Engineer Saiki will check the location regarding need of a culvert. The approach will require permitting, since it is in Morton County Right of Way. Improvements beyond that will be up to the Hagerotts. At the north end of the Section 12 is another gate with a lock. The gate can remain, but the lock has to be removed since it is a section line.

2. Travis Helfrich – Travis recently purchased property south and west of the Highway Department Yard. He would like to resolve owner ship of the Right of Way between Morton County and his property, so he can more easily control weeds and grass. There is a Utility Easement present as well. It was recommended that he approach the city and request the Right of Way be vacated. He should follow the city process. Once the property is surveyed then Travis will come to the Road Commission again to discuss how to maintain the area of Right of Way

3. Sam Voight – lives along 36th Street west of ND 31. This road is a minimum maintenance road. He was concerned about a number of areas that are soft and need some gravel. Since this a minimum maintenance road, Morton County will provide three loads of Scoria this year. Any additional work he may want to do will be at his expense. He can remove some trees that are in the right of way to allow a house he purchased can be moved to his property. He was also concerned about a culvert that has the top exposed. Chad will meet with him after lunch to discuss these items.

4. a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown work is progressing on getting this project ready for bidding through the NDDOT system, currently under review by SHPO. Little Heart Bridge was bid. Received one bid that was significantly higher than estimated and rejected. After discussions with contractors and suppliers, next year, a completion date in Fall of 2023 should result in more competitive bids than fall of 2022. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) design is complete. Waiting for the Level II Cultural Report. The Survey is complete. The bridge on County Road 80, Design is complete. We will bid at earliest opportunity. The 2 bridges SW of Fort Rice survey is complete, Hydraulics in process. Bridge North of Mandan (KL), alignment alternatives report should be delivered soon. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering), Survey complete, hydraulics in process. The bridge near Danzig Dam (SRF), survey is complete. Hydraulic Design complete, cultural complete. Bridge North of Glen Ullin on the frontage road, survey complete hydraulics in process.
- b. Construction Projects – Bridge project near Hebron, shop drawings for box culverts have been submitted for review.
- c. Culvert Replacements – working on shoulder pull along CR 135 (Schaff Angus Road) will be applying Base One this week. Low water crossing south of CR 139 and west of CR 86 should be wrapped up this week.
- d. Budget Update – Expenditures were reviewed. Fuel and Oil are the two main concerns at this time.
5. Vacating Rosemary Drive – Steve made a motion to vacate east 40 feet of Rosemary Drive. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried. Recommend move to Planning & Zoning.
6. Discuss Revised Right of Way Acquisition Policy - After discussing both versions, 1. purchasing the Right of Way from the center of the section line to the new Right of Way. 2. Paying for only the new Right of Way but removing from the tax rolls all the right of way, from the section line to the new Right of Way line. Roger may a motion and Kyle 2nd to present both versions to the full Commission and let them decide, with a recommendation to approve version No. 2. Jackie, Ron, Kyle and Roger voted yes, Steve no. Motion carried.
7. Discuss 2023 Budget – Recommendation to increase Fuel by 50% over 2022. Double oil and hydraulic fluid. Increase consultant line item to \$250,000. A new motor grader is estimated at \$480,000, new truck at \$185,000. Both have a lead time of near one year. There will be further discussion.
8. Discuss Bridge 30-158-27.0 – due to continued deterioration, this bridge should have traffic restricted to stay five feet from the edge. We have not had good results in restricting the width. Recommendation was to not restrict, allow inspection cycle to change to annual and budget to replace next year.

9. Ivan Gange issue – Road in front of his house is public Right of Way and in the Public Trust and Mandan ETA. It does not belong to him as he has stated.

Ron made a motion to adjourn, Kyle 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.