

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**June 16, 2021**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Nate Krikorian

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The agenda was amended to accommodate Dean Schmidt who wanted to attend to discuss a Right of Way issue in Breien, ND. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

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

1. Call Bryon Fuchs with NDDOT to discuss Bridge No. 30-162-41.0 over the Cannonball River posted at 7 tons after Load Rating – Bryon brief the group on the issue with the Load Rating that caused the 7 ton Posting. The Pin & Hanger assembly is the controlling factor. The Hangers are undersized to carry the load. If the Hangers are replaced with the proper sized hangers, the Exterior Girders become the controlling factor and the Load Restriction can be raised to 24 tons. Roger estimated the cost to replace the hangers at in excess of \$50,000. The NDDOT would prefer any rehab work to remove all restrictions. Federal Highways will not participate if any restrictions remain. Morton County is not interested with investing big money on a rehab due to high water issues and the fact the bridge is functionally obsolete (too narrow). This makes replacement the most likely outcome. With replacement, Sioux County will have to advised, since the Cannonball River is the border between Morton and Sioux Counties. There would be IRR funds available for the Sioux County portion. The only concern is the bridge is listed as Morton County's asset. The first step is for Engineer Saiki to send an email to Bryon to start the discussion with Federal Highways.
2. Dean Schmidt R/W issue – Dean recently had a survey completed so he could fence portions of his land. The adjacent landowner started building a fence based on a lath that would left by the surveyor. This lath is not marking a property corner, so the adjacent landowner's fence is now on County Right of Way as well as Dean's land. Options were discussed, send a cease and desist letter, then following up with removal. Roger Hille suggested that since is acquainted with the adjacent landowner that he start a dialog and get the matter resolved. It was agreed that Roger should start and the escalate to letters and other legal action if Roger is not able to get the issue resolved.
3. Monthly updates  
Design Projects – Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering) Solicitation of Views letters have been completed. Proceeding with hydraulics analysis. Little Heart Bridge (Interstate Engineering) no change from last month. Wade Senger, RVP for their Central Region is still planning

on meeting in the near future 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) requests to sublet have been received and approved. Tentative start date is June 28, 2021. Completing work of 37<sup>th</sup> Ave and CR 140. Completing “Texas Crossing,” replacing the “Wilkins Bridge,” Br. No. 30-134-03.0.

The Cash flow for the Month of May was reviewed, as was the preliminary 2022 budget that will be submitted to the Auditor on July 2, 2021.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.