

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**July 21, 2021**

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

Commission members Absent: Ron Leingang

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The agenda was amended to add the item Monthly Updates, which was inadvertently omitted. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

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

1. Design Projects – Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering) Archeological Survey Completed and 404 Permit preparation. Should be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. Little Heart (Interstate Engineering) and Youngtown (AE2S Engineering) permits for both are with the ACE. Bridge at Solen over the Cannonball River – Ron Leingang, Roger Hille and John Saiki met with the Sioux County Commission on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sioux County Commission was appreciative that we provided information and agreed to assist where they can. In negotiations with SRF Consulting to develop an estimate of the cost of repairs to remove the posting. The NDDOT has requested this estimate to further justify the replacement of the existing bridge.  
Construction Projects – Microsurface project on CR 139 (ASTECH) work is planned for August. RCB placement is schedule for August 17<sup>th</sup>. This is for a bridge replacement completed by County forces. Graveling continues. Will start work on Judson Road, CR 84, from the end of the asphalt going south. The Cash flow for the Month of June was reviewed. The preliminary 2022 budget was presented to the full Commission at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Dean Schmidt Right of Way – The County will contact Mark Isaacs to the County Right of Way surveyed, so the limits are known and the fence will have to be relocated, so it is off County R/W. By the end of the meeting the property owner, who built the fence, had contacted Kyle and said he relocate the fence.
3. Cattle Guard Policy – Chad presented a draft revised Cattle Guard policy. The draft will require some time to review so it will be discussed that the August meeting.
4. Hille/Breuer Cattle Guard – After the Sheriff had discussions with both property owners, it was agreed that if Breuer installs gates at his fence, Hille will remove the panels he has installed. The other Cattle Guard will require the ditch to be filled, graded and surfaced adjacent to the Cattle Guard. The Highway Department proposed completing this work, it will remain on County Right of Way and should take a day to complete. It will also reduce a snow trap since the material will be

taken from the back slope, on County Right of Way. Kyle made a motion to proceed with the work. Steve second. Motion Carried.

5. Stationary Tar Tank Repairs – The tar storage tank was originally built in 1973. The Highway Department acquired it in 1993. The pipes and pumps are original and not working properly. One of the flanges is leaking oil, which has the potential of being an environmental concern. The heaters do not work; the oil has to be heated with propane torches to warm the oil enough to flow. If the leaking flange is fixed, there is a concern that, due to the corrosion on the pipes and flanges, additional leaks may develop. The condition of the tank is good, so if the repairs are made the life expectancy should be 30 plus years. An estimated cost of the repairs is \$ 35,000. A replacement of the tank is in excess of \$ 100,000. The budget should be able to cover the costs. Steve made a motion to approve the repairs. Kyle's 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Steve moved to adjourn, Kyle's 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.