

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
August 17, 2022

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Ron Leingang, Kyle Kirchmeier, Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Roger Hille

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider

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

Ron made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Added Section Line Discussion North of St. Anthony.
Kyle 2nd. motion carried

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

1. a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – The deadline to apply for funding for bridge replacements through the NDDOT was June 30, 2022. Morton County submitted 8 applications and had 4 approved. Two are on-system and will be funded 80% Federal – 20% County. 30-128-19.0 on mile south of Almont, which is under design and 30-143-19.0, the Stark Bridge. There are two off-system bridges 30-152-35.0 and 30158-27.0. The off-system bridges will be funded 100% Federal. Under the new funding program, the NDDOT will participate in Preliminary Engineering and Design at 80-20 for on-system and 100% on off-system bridges. The RFPs for Design will have to be advertised on the NDDOT website and follow the NDDOT process. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown work is progressing on getting this project ready for bidding through the NDDOT system. Little Heart Bridge – advertised for bid. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) design is complete, advertised for bid. The bridge on County Road 80, Design is complete, advertised for bid. The 2 bridges SW of Fort Rice design is complete, advertised for bid. Bridge North of Mandan (KLJ), waiting on decision from Road Commission regarding options. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering), hydraulics complete, design in process. The bridge near Danzig Dam (SRF), preparing COE permit application. Bridge North of Glen Ullin on the frontage road, hydraulics complete, design in progress, met with NDDOT regarding easement options since a portion of one of the wing walls will be on NDDOT (I-94) right of way. Bridge at Solen, permit applications submitted. Design progressing.
- b. Construction Projects – Bridge project near Hebron, contractor, Quality Dirtworks, LLC, Max, ND, will be mobilizing equipment today, possibly start stripping top soil today.
- c. Culvert Replacements – working on a number of culvert replacements. There seem to be a number of required replacements. Motor grader operators are replacing culverts, since the weather is dry and they are not blading roads. Work is progressing on 44th St project south of town.
- d. Budget Update – Expenditures were reviewed. Cost of Server will be moved from Office Supplies to Capital Expenditures 6651 for next month.

2. Discuss ROW Vacation Policy Resolution – Has been reviewed by States Attorney’s Office. Their concern was the Policy strayed from Century Code, but was allowed under Home Rule Charter. The differences were discussed. Kyle made a motion to approve as written for presentation to the full commission. Ron 2nd, motion carried.

3. Hoovestal Access – Roger and Russ Hoovestal had visited the office concerned about access to their property. Their concern was the erosion along the river by their yard. They are proposing that the county improve the section line between T137 R86 section 2 and T138 R86 section 35. I told them Morton County builds roads. We should look at maintaining the current access first. They asked doesn’t the County have to provide access? I said I could present their concerns at the Road Commission meeting. The consensus is that we should monitor the condition along the road. When the erosion encroaches on the County Right of Way then the County will repair the banks and install Rip Rap. The preference is to maintain the current access before improving over a mile of section line.

4. Discuss 30-156-04.1 alignment – Reviewed the estimates provided by KLJ for the two options recommended. The Road Commission will revisit this issue after the full Commission decides on the Wachter development.

5. Discuss Cannonball River Bridge at Solen Right of Way – discussed paying for trees. Consensus was that the few items we were paying for should be paid to acquire the Right of Way.

6. Section Line – The bridge on 53rd Street was recently posted at 3 tons. This bridge is the only access for the one resident and agricultural land. The portions of the section line north to County Road 137 is to be improved to maintain access, should something happen to the bridge and it has to be taken out of service.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn, Ron 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.