

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
August 18, 2021

Commission members Present: Ron Leingang, Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, Roger Hille, 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

Jackie made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The agenda was amended to add the items Equipment Lift Demo, Add 100 hours each for two seasonal employees and discuss Trailer on 44th St. Kyle 2nd, motion carried

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

1. Design Projects – Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering) bridges do not have historical significance according to SHPO. Little Heart (Interstate Engineering) had conversation with one of the Regional Managers with Interstate Engineering. They are in flux right now, trying to get the right person to manage the Mandan office. Once the office settles down, Little Heart Bridge will be a priority to get the design completed. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering) permit application is with the ACE. Bridge at Solen over the Cannonball River – RFP for Preliminary Engineering and Design are due on August 27, 2021. Interviews will be held the next week in order to get a consultant on board to start the project. Plans are due to the NDDOT on January 28, 2022 with a Bid Opening date of April 8, 2022. The Highway Department has received the first billing for Bridge Inspections. This was for work in 2020 and 2021, so far. Money was budgeted for payments in 2020 as well as 2021. Receiving a bill for both years could create an issue since roughly half the cost of the bill was budgeted for 2021 not paying for both years. Ron said we can talk to Dawn Rhone about a budget amendment, if needed.

Construction Projects – Microsurface project on CR 139 (ASTECH) Microsurface is complete and worked well. Temporary pavement markings have been applied. Permanent markings are scheduled for Friday. RCB replacement installation south of Glen Ullin was completed on August 17th. The installation went very well. CJ Crane provided crane services. Vic Fleck (contract hauler) will be done this week. The money budgeted for contract hauling is exhausted for the year.

2. Hille Cattle Guard Discussion and Cattle Guard/Cattle Pass policy discussion was combined rather than handled as two separate items. Items discussed – Cattle Guard has been in this location for 20 years. There is no bypass road next to the Cattle Guard, which makes moving cattle, and large vehicles past the cattle guard is difficult. The County nor the owner of the cattle guard can regulate who uses the cattle guard. A logical solution would be to install an 18-foot long gate at the cattle guard but not do any grading. When the policy is adopted it will apply to new cattle guard/cattle passes

only, not retroactive. Roger said he would talk to Doug Hille about adding a 24 foot gate, but not doing any grading. It was agreed to move further discussion of the policy to next month meeting.

3. Vacate Right of Way in Brein Discussion – the decision of the Commission was that the process for vacating the Right of Way is to be initiated by the landowner. The County will not initiate the process. John said he would contact Dean and provide a copy of the forms and process so he can pursue vacating the Right of Way, if he chooses.
4. The meeting was briefly moved to the shop to view of demonstration of Lifts for equipment. This equipment will have to be included in a future budget if we are interested.
5. Add 100 hours for two Seasonal Employees – after brief discussion, Roger made a motion to add 100 hours each for two seasonal truck drivers. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried.
6. Trailer on 44th Street – House trailer was broken down; frame is broken, being moved to the dump. Debris, wood, insulation, metal was falling off the trailer as it was moved along 44th Street. There was a permit issued to move the trailer although it is believed no inspection of the trailer is required before issuing. The contractor was using the wrong equipment, wrong process, inefficient route and inexperienced personnel. Midwest Auto is the contractor. Midwest Auto is to clean up all the debris. If they don't the Highway Department may have to

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.