

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**September 15, 2021**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Dean Schmidt, Mark Isaac

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 move monthly updates to the end of the meeting, since we had attendees present for the other two agenda items. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

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

1. Vacating Right of Way in Breien – Dean Schmidt. Dean opposes the customary method of vacating Right of Way, where the R/W is split. The property owners on each side each receive half of the R/W. His Dad bought the property from the railroad back in the late 1970s and he believes he should receive the entire R/W. The new portion of the road is on his property without any R/W recorded. He would like to see a R/W swap, record R/W for the current location of the road for the R/W where the road was previously located. The consensus of the Road Commission is the issue should be investigated by Natalie, with the intent on finding an equitable solution. This item will be discussed further at the October Road Commission meeting.
2. Fisher/Rhone Section – Mark Isaacs Fisher and Rhone are proposing building a road to the North of 44<sup>th</sup> St. The Kahl's would have to build a new fence and the understanding is they are aware and in agreement. The State will have to move the fence on the East, Fisher and Rhone will have to contact the State and secure the agreement of the State. The County will take over maintenance of the road once complete, built to County Highway Department Standards, inspected and accepted. The road will have to be built on the existing 66-foot Right of Way. If more Right of Way is required to maintain the required in-slopes and back slopes, that will be the responsibility of Fisher/Rhone. They will have to approach Planning & Zoning and develop plans. The Highway Department will start the process to open the Section Line for a road.
3. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering), Little Heart (Interstate Engineering), Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), no Change from previous month. Solen Bridge over the Cannonball River – Three proposals were received, interviews held. Interview team recommended Bolton & Menk. The full Commission has approved that recommendation. Negotiations are ongoing for a contract, which will be negotiated and approved by the NDDOT. Ron

will have to sign once the contract is complete. The Commission has given authorization for Ron to sign once the negotiations are completed to the satisfaction of the NDDOT and the County Engineer. The preliminary engineering work will start in the near future.

Construction Projects – Final for the Microsurface project on CR 139 (ASTECH) Microsurface is 80% complete. Finishing up the final bridge replacement by County Forces this week. Graveling will continue until the end of the month. Bridge crew will start repairing and replacing smaller pipes. Willow Road Reconstruction and Overlay is scheduled to start on September 20<sup>th</sup> with completion by the end of the month (30<sup>th</sup>). Budget Spreadsheet was reviewed.

Ron mentioned the group a dispute he was made aware of between Armbrust and Coyle in the Breien area. He said it sounded like a dispute between property owners and the County would not get involved.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.