

Morton County Road Commission Meeting

September 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Leingang. Present were: Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, Chad Schnieder and Roger Hille by phone.

Kyle moved to approve the agenda as amended. The insurance claim was added. Seconded by Roger. Motion carried.

Moved by Roger seconded by Kyle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Monthly Updates

- a. Design projects
 - a. Sims Bridge- looking for an October 11th bid opening
 - b. Laubner Bridge – Interstate Engineering – Design continues
 - c. Youngtown Bridge – hydraulics in process
 - d. Almont Bridge – bridge building in process. Deck is being poured this week.
 - e. Peterson Bridge – will be completed with the grass seeding this week.
 - f. Started the landfill road this week
 - g. Will do some smaller pipe projects to complete the year end projects.
 - h. A bridge rail is gone on the bridge west of Knolls on the road west of St. Anthony. The repair should be done as the old rail was and not do any upgrades.
- b. Budget Update – nothing changed, overtime is a concern.
- c. Blading was done over the past weekend after heavy rains. New gravel was in real tough shape after the heavy rains in September.
- d. Extra hours – for seasonal workers
 - a. Bob Jochim is retiring on November 1.
 - b. Wes Geiger would be put on full time to replace Bob after an internal search is completed.
 - c. Add 80 hours for the other 2 seasonal workers. This will be until the end of October.

Moved by Kyle seconded by Jackie to approve the extra 160 hours for the seasonal employees. Motion carried.
- e. Meeting schedule

Kyle moved to approve the 2020 meeting schedule for the road commission, seconded by Roger. Motion carried.
- f. MSDS online discussion – work on the 2021 budget. We will need to add to the budget.
- g. Cost Estimate for 1981 truck
 - a. Cost to fix the truck is more than the truck is worth. John will try to fix it. Serious discussion will need to be done with the 2021 Prairie Dog Funds and how these will be dispersed.
 - b. Chad is wondering what has been approved for capital improvements for the 2020 budget.

h. Electrical repairs for weed building

The building has 3 phase power. One line in the 3 phase is out. Cost to repair is \$22,013 from a cost estimate from Lillis Electric. Talk to Cody the weed officer to see if he needs the 3-phase unit. More information is needed. Check to see if a 220 line could be used. We will discuss this further at the October meeting.

i. Change in location of an approach in Entzel's 11th addition – discussion followed that the plat states that approaches will be off Honey Lane. It will be left as is. No action on the item.

j. Insurance claim – NDIRF has denied the claim. There was about \$4600 on the pickup and \$1200 on the trailer.

k. Chad mentioned about gravel testing with a company – Terra Conn. They map gravel locations. They did a presentation with Chad and Nate. The commission decided that we should look into using them for gravel location.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Buckley

Road Commission Member