

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
September 20, 2023

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

Roger made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amended to add Discussion of Fisher-Rhone request to have Morton County build a road in St Anthony. Added Request from Commissioner Zachmeier regarding Road Commission Meetings. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried.

Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes. Roger 2nd, motion carried.

1. Discuss dust conditions on County Road 140 near Hebron – If Morton County is working, then dust is addressed using water, as when material is being hauled to the brick plant, they control the dust using water. Magnesium Chloride costs \$8900 per mile for a full tanker. If the areas are smaller than a full mile, the cost increases. The policy of the County is to not use Magnesium Chloride. The property owner can contact a contractor to have the road treated at their expense. The Highway Department can provide contact information for the contractors who do that type of work. If an application of Magnesium Chloride is scheduled, the Highway Department can assist with blading the road and applying water. Property owner is invited to attend a future Road Commission meeting to discuss if they wish.

3. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bridges near Flasher and St Anthony are under contract with APEX. Hydraulic Evaluations are complete. Sauber has completed PS & E plans for the Stark bridge. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) design is progressing. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown work is progressing, scheduled for a February 2024 bid opening. The bridge is historical and adoption options are being advertised. Little Heart Bridge – Martin Construction plans on starting work the week of September 5th. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) – The States Attorneys office sent a letter to the Bonding Company seeking at least the 5 percent Bid Bond. No response from the Bonding Company. At this point Morton County will cash the Bid Bond, follow up with the Bonding Company regarding a Performance Bond that was not forwarded to the County. The bridge on County Road 80, awarded to Midwest Construction, work scheduled for September, preconstruction conference is scheduled for September 21st. The bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz, first box culvert has been installed, second next week. construction will start August 21st. Bridge North of Mandan (KLJ), Road Commission agreed to straighten out road. Road Commission agreed that KLJ is entitled to an additional \$35,000, will have to follow up with KLJ. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering), preconstruction conference

is scheduled for September 21st. The bridge near Danzig Dam (SRF), received information from SRF that the COE will not approve a permit for a project that fills the channel, such as an RCB. The replacement bridge will have to be a bridge that is at least as long as the existing bridge. Design of this project has been paused indefinitely. Bridge North of Glen Ullin on the frontage road, NDDOT working on easement options since a portion of one of the wing walls will be on NDDOT (I-94) right of way.

- c. Culvert Replacements – Work is ongoing replacing scheduled bridges with large diameter pipes.
- d. Budget Update – Overtime and Salary are the budget lines that have been exceeded.
- 4. Fisher-Rhone request to have Morton County build a road in St Anthony – Morton County has been requested to build a road in St. Anthony. After discussion, the Commission stated that the area should be platted, the property owner should build the road after obtaining an access permit. The property owners can approach the full County Commission if they wish.
- 5. Request from Commissioner Zachmeier regarding Road Commission Meetings – Discussed verbal comments from Commissioner Zachmeier. Written correspondence from the County Commission will be requested through the portfolio holder.
- 2. Review Morton County Highway Department Policies – Policies reviewed and revised were: 700-007 Over Dimension Vehicle Regulations, 700-013 Mowing and Harvesting Roadside Rights of Way, 700-712 Mailbox Repair/Replacement/Reimbursement, 700-706 Private Road Maintenance and 700-010 Traffic Safety Hazard – Obstructions on Roadway.

Vice Chair Buckley adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.