

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

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Ron Leingang, Kyle Kirchmeier, Roger Hille, Steve Tomac
Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Donald Kopp, Tom Tokach, Travis Helfrich, Don LaFleur, Mark Isaacs, Mitch Bitz, others on attached sheet

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Due to the number of individuals who were attending in person, item 5. Discuss Tokach Timberhaven – was moved up to item number 2. The remaining items were moved down. Ron 2nd. motion carried.

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

1. Kelly Kopp provided a copy of the easement for the road. Chad found a copy of a plat where the County has R/W on the first 200 feet of the road from CR 137. The County maintains the road and if we maintain the road, we don't allow gates. Roger stated that if a formal request is submitted, it would be denied. Donald Kopp asked about Cattle Guards, he owns land on both sides of the road and wants to be able to let cattle graze across the road. The County is against new Cattle Guards. This is a no action issue, will recommend denial to full commission. Road Commission – no gates, no cattle guards, the land owner can build a fence parallel to the road at the prescribed distance from the center line of the road.

2. Tokach Timberhaven discussion – trying to correct inaccuracies from 50 years ago. Ron Tokach will have to sign access easement 20 feet wide. It was stated that Ron Tokach is “good” with the latest plat. It is known that the plat doesn't comply with current standards. The County doesn't maintain Dad's drive for 30 years. The road will have to be improved to current County standards before the County would consider maintaining the road. Roger made a motion – Recommendation is to forward to Planning & Zoning with future maintenance contingent on the road being brought up to comply with current policy. Kyle 2nd, motion carries.

3. Review Plat of County Shop Land and Travis Helfrich – after reviewing the items discussed at the previous meeting, the Commission decided that the County will move the North-South fence to the correct location on County property. The County will also claim the 20 feet of easement. Roger made a motion North South property line, along lot 2 west line common with lot 1, move fence to align with new existing fence 1.5 feet on County property. Kyle 2nd, motion carries. Kyle then made motion to claim 20 feet of easement. Roger 2nd. Ron, Kyle, Roger and Jackie voted aye, Steve nay.

4. Review of Right of Way Purchase Policy – Don Leflure presented revised computation for determining value of acquired Right of Way. After review the commission agreed with the new method. The new method will be used to amend the current Right of Way Acquisition Policy and submit to the full commission for review and approval.

5. Discuss Cottontail Way – Kyle stated that George Bilovic talked to Kyle. He was made because Ivan Gange put speed bumps across road. A letter had been drafted to be sent to Ivan Gange regarding the removal of the Speed Bumps. The draft was modified and once modified will be sent from the office of the States Attorney. Steve made a motion to approve modified letter to Mr. Gange then forward to the States Attorney's office for issuance. Roger 2nd. Motion carried.

6. a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – Conducted interviews last week to select design consultants for the Stark Bridge and the two bridges east and south of St. Francis. Sauber was selected for Stark bridge and Apex for the other bridges. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) under contract. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown work is progressing on getting this project ready for bidding through the NDDOT system. Little Heart Bridge – Martin Construction under contract. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) awarded to Quality Dirtworks. The bridge on County Road 80, awarded to Midwest Construction. The 2 bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz. Bridge North of Mandan (KLJ), waiting on decision from Road Commission regarding options. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering) design in process. 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. Bridge at Solen, permit applications submitted. Design complete.

b. Construction Projects – Bridge project near Hebron, contractor, Quality Dirtworks, LLC, Max, ND, RCB have been installed and backfilling almost complete. Fisher is crushing at Helbling Pit and Nuss, using two different crews.

c. Culvert Replacements – finishing up the work for the year.

d. Budget Update – Expenditures were reviewed. Fuel is high, but overall, we are in better shape than a year ago. We will be spending approximately \$100,000 on additional gravel crushing. Advised Fisher to crush an additional 10,000 yards of gravel in the Helbling pit.

7. Review Revised Policies - moved to a future meeting.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn, Roger 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.