

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**October 18, 2023**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Kevin Miller

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Ron Leingang

Jackie made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amended to add discussion and approval of 2024 Road Commission meeting schedule and Discussion of Packet posted on website. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

1. Discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> Approach Permit, for Kevin Miller, in High Chapparral Estates – Kevin Miller received a second temporary approach permit for constructing his building. He now wants to make it permanent. There will not be a mailbox, not 911 address, no maintenance on the part of the Highway Department. The lot is 5.2 acres. Chad thought perhaps a variance. Roger asked if the large lot was originally two lots, it was not. At this time the approach would be used for private access, not a business. Roger made a motion to allow the temporary approach to remain to allow additional time for review and develop possible waiver language. Jackie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
2. Discuss the process for vacating section lines and opening roads – policy was approved at the October 12, 2023 Commission meeting. The Petition Form with instructions was reviewed and approved by a consensus of the Road Commission.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Review of the Morton County Highway Department Policies – After review, remove DRAFT from each of the policies and present to the full Commission for review and approval. There was a minor wording revision on the Mowing Policy. Will submit for introduction to the full Commission at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
4. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bridges near Flasher and St Anthony are under contract with APEX. Structure type has been selected. Sauber has completed PS & E plans for the Stark bridge, schedule for February Bid Opening. Solen was bid for the third time, no bids. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) selected Alignment. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Bridge Adoption is in progress, tentatively scheduled for an April 2024 bid opening. Little Heart Bridge – Martin Construction has started work; pipe was delivered yesterday for water diversion. 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 week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz, both box culverts are installed, backfilled, waiting for gravel to place for completion. Bridge North of Mandan (Mork) with (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), scheduled to start the last week of October. 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. Bismarck District sent the permit to FHWA for review and concurrence.

- c. Culvert Replacements – Work is wrapped up for the year.
- d. Budget Update – Overtime, Salary and Stock Items are the budget lines that have been exceeded. There will be some large charges in the next 6 weeks with the Box Culvert work continuing.
- 5. 2024 Proposed Road Commission Meeting Schedule – Schedule was reviewed, Kyle motion to approve, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 6. Discussion of Packet on Website – Packet will be posted, but not the Draft Minutes.

Jackie moved to adjourn, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned 10:41 am.