

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**October 21, 2020**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Leon Opp

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended (added Policy Discussion at Kyle's request) agenda, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

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

2. Leon Opp Speed Limit Sign – Mr. Opp requested a 30 mph Speed Limit Sign be replaced North and South of his house. There was a sign years ago, which was later removed. It was removed because it was not installed with the proper interim speed limit signs, 55 mph, reduced to 40 mph then 30 mph. The speed limit was reduced from 55 mph to 30 mph, which is not enforceable. A sign returning the speed limit to 55 mph after the speed zone was also not installed. This item was discussed at an earlier Road Commission Meeting, August 2018. At that time, it was decided to do nothing due to the added expense, precedent it would set and need for enforcement. After discussion, Roger made a motion: Due to commercial traffic in this location, the County will install 45 mph Speed Limit signs in this area as an exception to the Speed Limit Sign Policy. Kyle made a 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion carried.

1. Monthly updates

Design Projects – Little Heart Bridge – Interstate Engineering; Wenk Engineering Environmental Permit still at the Army Corps of Engineers. Youngtown – AE2S continuing design work on Concrete Box Culvert. Bridge inspections are continuing as is our prioritization of the work for the next few years. John and Jackie attended the October 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting in Hebron. The discussion regarded the closure of two of the bridges in Hebron. After discussion, the City decided to have their Engineer, AE2S, inspect the bridges and develop a plan for repairs to enable re-opening the bridges. They would still be posted at 3 to 4 tons, but would be usable. The Highway Department will assist in the preliminary engineering. The City of Hebron will be responsible for the cost of the actual repairs. There was also discussion of improving the signing on the Truck Route from the Brick Yard to the Interstate.

Construction / Culvert Replacements – Sims Bridge – Midwest Contracting, LLC of Marshall, MN work is complete and the project has been accepted. Work on the final papers is on going and currently at 95+ percent. The Bridge Crew is has complete their sixth bridge replacement this year. Gravel Crushing is complete with 71,000 cubic yards crushed. Reject pile is approximately 6,000 yards and all tests were very good.

Budget / Cash Flow information reviewed for September 2020.

3. Seasonal Employee Discussion – COVID-19 Plan. With the possibility of several employees being quarantined, a plan should be in place to continue work, primarily snow plowing. The Highway Department plan is hire our seasonal workers, those who worked this past summer. Chad has talked to them and they all agreed to work if the need should arise. The Road Commission agreed with the plan. Ron made the motion, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried. An agenda item will be prepared and presented at the next Full Commission Meeting.
4. 2021 Road Commission Meeting Schedule – a proposed schedule was presented. After discussion, Kyle made a motion to approve and Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
5. Policy Discussed - Kyle handed out copies of Highway Department Policies to be reviewed and discussed at the next Road Commission Meeting.

Kyle made motion to adjourn at 10:25 am and Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was adjourned.