

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
November 15, 2023

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley (telephone), Kyle Kirchmeier, Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Ron Leingang, Roger Hille

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider

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

Steve made a motion to approve the agenda. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried.

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

1. Discuss 2nd Approach Permit, for Kevin Miller, in High Chaparral Estates – Due to Ron and Roger being absent, the remaining commissioners decided to revisit this item at the next meeting, when all commissioners should be in attendance.
2. Discuss Morton County Highway Department Policies present to the County Commission at the November 9th meeting – Decided that the original versions of the policies will be marked up with changes and presented at a future commission 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), plans have been submitted to the NDDOT. Little Heart Bridge – Box culvert has been installed and Martin Construction is finishing up the backfilling. 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 is complete and the road is open. The bridges SW of Fort Rice, awarded to Edward Schwartz, both box culverts are completed and the road is opened. 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), work is in progress. Should complete installation today start backfilling. 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 being completed.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Steve 2nd. The meeting was adjourned 9:25 am.