

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
November 16, 2022

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

Commission members Absent: Steve Tomac

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Natalie Pierce, Chris Nyhus, Allen Koppy, Ivan Gange, George Belohlavek, Jan Belohlavek

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

Kyle made a motion to approve the amended agenda, approval of the 2023 Road Commission Meeting Schedule was added. Roger 2nd. motion carried.

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

1. All parties present stated their concerns. Ivan Gange's attorney stated he wanted enforcement of a speed limit on the road. If a speed limit is applied and enforced, then there would be no need for further legal action. The plat was discussed since Ivan didn't sign it. It will eventually have to be corrected. Ivan is not interested in closing the road, only reducing the speed limit and enforcing. It was agreed that the County will install 15mph signs along Cottontail Way, possibly in the next week or two. In the Spring, at the appropriate time the County will place a load of gravel to address the drop off at the edge of the asphalt.

2. a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects – two bridges, one east and north of Flasher and one south and east of St. Anthony (Apex Engineering), Scope & Fee in process. Stark Bridge (Sauber Engineering) Scope & Fee in process. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) survey complete, design underway. 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 (Quality Dirtworks) contract in process. The bridge on County Road 80 (Midwest Construction) under contract. The 2 bridges SW of Fort Rice (Edward Schwartz) under contract. Bridge North of Mandan (KLJ), waiting on decision from Planning & Zoning regarding proposed Wachter Subdivision. Bridge W of Vern Leingang (Moore Engineering) final 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 project is advertised and plans are available.

- b. Construction Projects – Bridge project near Hebron (Quality Dirtworks) project is completed. Work was completed before last weeks snow storm. Fisher has completed crushing at Helbling Pit and Nuss, using two different crews.
 - c. Culvert Replacements – finished 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.
3. Discuss Timberhaven Trees – At budget time we will have to add additional money for tree removal. We are looking at approximately \$ 5000 per tree for removal. Jackie will contact the Extension Forester to evaluate the trees so we can develop a long range plan for removal and budget accordingly.
4. 2023 Meeting Schedule – after review of dates, Kyle made a motion to approve as presented, Roger 2nd, motion carried.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn, Jackie 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.