

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**December 16, 2020**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, David Willman

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Jackie Buckley

Steve made a motion to approve the amended (rearranged order of the items), Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

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

2. David Willman – David was asking about guidance regarding mud around a stock pond. He thought gravel would be a good option. Roger said that gravel would make the problem worse since it has fines in it. A better option would be some 1" minus or 1 1/2" minus clean rock. Steve recommended a stock tank filled by a solar powered pump from the stock pond. Jackie recommended talking to the Soil Conservation Service or Extension.

1. Monthly updates

Design Projects – Little Heart Bridge – Interstate Engineering; Wenk Engineering Environmental Permit still at the Army Corps of Engineers. Youngtown – AE2S conducted soil boring for foundation design. Bridge inspections are continuing as is our prioritization of the work for the next few years. Received email from NDDOT Local Projects regarding bridges that would be eligible for funding under the governors proposed budget. All five in Morton County were on our Five Year Plans and we responded by the deadline.

Construction – No update / Culvert Replacements – working on cleaning culverts and replacing as needed this fall until it got cold.

Budget / Cash Flow – The Department was advised by Auditor Rhone that we are required to have \$ 330,000 left in the budget at the end of the year, due to reduced Fuel Tax Revenue. We are project to have a balance of \$ 33,000 at the end of the year.

3. Disk Purchase Discussion – There is a disk near St. Anthony, on an online auction. Chad has looked at it and it is a more robust design than our current disk. He is seeking authority to bid a reasonable amount to purchase the disk. Kyle made a motion to authorize the purchase, Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
4. Hebron Bypass Road Speed Limit – A constituent contacted Jackie about the radar speed signs to attempt to reduce the vehicle speeds in a 25mph zone. Kyle stated that the Sheriff's Department is aware of the situation and have had deputies monitoring speed. Roger stated that if the City wants to purchase the signs, at a price of \$1,800-\$2,000 each, the Highway Department will install them. This is within the City limits of Hebron.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.