

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
December 20, 2023

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

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Andra Marquardt, James Bendish

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

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

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

1. Public Hearing on Sturn Section Line Vacation – Requestor owns land on both sides of the section line. They want to vacate the section line to keep the lot intact, making it a subdivision 2.91 acres). Ron opened the Public Hearing at 9:20. The request is to vacate a segment of the section line between sections 24 & 13, a length of 1100 feet. Roger Hille asked if 1) had been discussed at Planning & Zoning (P&Z)? No. Anything problematic from a P&Z perspective? No. Proposed compensation to the County? Suggested that County money will never be spent on this section? Chad said there should be some charge, some amount. Ron then made 2nd call for comment, then 3rd call for comment, Public Hearing closed at 9:38. Jackie made a motion to approve the vacation of the section line as presented. Kyle 2nd. During discussed it was decided that there should be a fee. That fee will be based on the minimum payment made by the County for Right of Way purchase, \$600. Jackie revised her motion and Kyle 2nd of revised motion. Roll Call vote: Ron – yes, Jackie – yes, Steve – yes, Kyle – yes, Roger – yes. Motion to vacate section line carried.
2. Review Revised Master Plan & Currently Proposed Phase 23 Subdivision – after review the only comment was that the Cul de Sacs should be large enough. The plan did not have any dimension of the roadways, nor Cul de Sacs, so that will have to be addressed before approval.
3. Discuss Partial Vacation of Section Line – James Bendish – The question was asked if a survey was needed for vacation when the land on both sides of the Section Line was own by the same owner? Roger stated that no survey was necessary. The Commission recommended Jim bring evidence of people trespassing off the Section Line to a future meeting for further board consideration.
4. Discuss Starck Bridge Bids – The Starck Bridge was bid on December 8, 2023 with the project receiving one bid. The bid is over the estimate which will increase the Morton County match. The bids for the project in Hebron, CR 140 reconstruction were rejected since they were almost 50% over the Engineers Estimate. The match for that project, in the same budget line as Starck can be used to cover the increase. Roger made a motion to move forward with the Starck Bridge replacement,

moving the funds from the CR 140 project to the Starck Bridge project and advise the NDDOT we can proceed. Jackie 2nd, motion carried.

5. 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. Bridge South of Almont (Sauber Engineering) selected Alignment. Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), plans have been submitted to the NDDOT. Little Heart Bridge – Work complete, except for top soil placement and seeding. These items will be completed in the Spring. Bridge north of the Truck Stop (Sauber) – Will be applying for a grant through the Flex Funding Program announced by the NDDOT. Applications are due by December 31st with announcement of the awards during 1st quarter. This bridge is ready to bid, so that will be a plus. 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 complete. 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 month weeks with the Box Culvert work being completed.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned 10:55 am.