

Morton County Road Commission Agenda

Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND

15 October 2025 @ 1:30 pm

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes for the previous meeting

1. Discuss trees in Riverview Heights Subdivision;
2. Discuss school bus drop off at Riverview Heights;
3. Discuss use of engine breaks on County 139 west of Mandan ;
4. Monthly Updates:
 - a. Design Projects and Construction Projects
 - b. Culvert Replacements
 - c. Budget Update
 - d. Hebron bond claim update;
5. Pubic Comment
6. Other

*ISSUES MAY BE ADDED OR DELETED BY MEETING DAY.

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
September 17, 2025

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Paul Tokach, Kyle Kirchmeier, Steve Tomac,
Roger Hille)

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Susan Johnson, Sarah Getzlaff (telephone), Vickie Keuther, Dan Dorfschmidt, Mark Isaacs, Don Entzel, Natalie Pierce

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Chair Jackie Buckley

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amendments were: Added Dan Dorfschmidt – Honey Hills discussion as item 3. The remaining items will be moved down.
Kyle 2nd, motion carried.

Roger made a motion to approve the revised minutes from the previous meeting. Revision involved removing “has” in second line of item 2. Kyle 2nd, motion carried.

1. Discuss access along Willow Road – Cameron Bachmeier - They would like an approach directly to Willow Road and not come off the frontage road. They thought there was an easement for the road between them and the neighbor to the south. It turns out there is not. Cameron is afraid that it will be difficult to sell the property without the access or a new neighbor to the south may not be agreeable to allowing access through Cameron’s property. Steve made a motion he should apply for an Approach Permit. Kyle 2nd. Roll Call vote: Steve – yes, Roger – no, Paul – yes, Kyle – yes, Jackie – yes. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing – New Salem ROW vacation – Public Hearing was opened by Chair Buckley at 9:10. Mark Isaacs presented a plat that showed the ROW vacation, location of the sign and tree removal. There are no utilities in the area to be vacated. Sarah Getzlaff, Susan Johnson and Vickie Keuther spoke in favor. No one opposed. Public Hearing was closed at 9:17 am. Kyle made a motion to recommend approval to vacate 49 feet of Right of Way with compensation to be determine later. Steve 2nd. Roll Call vote: Kyle – yes, Paul – no, Roger – no, Steve – yes, Jackie – yes. Motion carried.

3. Dan Dorfschmidt – Honey Hills discussion – Dan presented a number of points regarding the handling of Honey Hills subdivision, items from Planning & Zoning, project oversight, construction inspection and oversight, poor workmanship. Mark Isaacs stated the poor workmanship is being addressed. The developer is in the process of getting another contractor to finish the work. There is no mandate regarding oversight in Morton County. If not mandated, developers won’t pay for construction inspection and oversight. Commissioners agreed that going forward there will have to be changes made. There was also discussion regarding how to handle subdivisions in progress.

4. Discuss Maverick Estates 2nd – Natalie Pierce – 2nd phase will be discussed at Planning & Zoning next week. There is a potential for 3rd addition later. Kyle stated there are no fire hydrants, they fall under

Rural Fire protection with a 30 minute response time. Rural water can provide water for the houses, but not fire suppression. Mark Isaacs stated that the dirt work for phases 2 and 3 will be done at the same time in order for the storm water plan to work. The roads in phase 3 will not be graveled until later when phase 3 is completed, the roads will be seeded.

5. Discuss expansion of Berger Feedlot – Natalie Pierce – Feedlot has been sold. The new owners want to expand from 2000 head to 5000 head. Final approval is given by the ND Department of Environmental Quality. This Commission will require dust suppression (mag-chloride) on a schedule, not based on complaints. CR 83 is an 80,000 lbs. maximum weight road. Anything over that weight will require an overweight permit. Option discussed were requiring pavement before permit approval. Since this is agricultural, that is not legal.

3. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Two bridges designed by Apex are out for bid. Bid opening is October 10, 2025. RFP for CE was posted on the NDDOT website yesterday, September 16. Bridge one mile south of Almont is scheduled for a November 14, 2025 Bid Opening. Youngtown Bridge is in the December 12, 2025 NDDOT Bid Opening. Three projects are in the November 14, 2025 NDDOT Bid Opening, County Road 136 in St. Anthony, Chip Sealing of CR 139 around Glen Ullin and Microsurface on CR 139A. IBI has received the materials for the closed bridge, 30-164-35.0 waiting for a schedule. 30-129-18.1 (Theil) bridge has a critical finding due to missing shims on one of the piers and the erosion. We will be submitting an estimate in ordered to be considered for funding for a removal. The Mork bridge is a semi-finalist for Flex Funding. An estimate will be submitted before the end of September. The following bridges are going to be submitted for Flex Funding; Kinnischtzke Bridge north of Glen Ullin (Apex), Sweet Briar (Interstate), Heid bridge and Emter. Summit Avenue (CR 140) in Hebron is under construction.

- c. The bridge crew is working on another bridge replacement with a CMP, north of Glen Ullin. Dirt Crew is working in pulling the shoulders on CR 139 between CR 86 and Glen Ullin.
- d. Budget Update - Reviewed expenses to date for 2025. Some larger expenses will start to hit the budget, such as Loader delivery and gravel crushing.
- e. Hebron Bond Claim Update – Asked the States Attorney to follow up. Received a response from the attorney. He had not heard anything, yet, but would follow up.

4. Public Comment – Chair Buckley asked for public comment. None was forth coming.

Other – discussed possible options for oversight of construction of subdivisions. It is Civil and separate from Planning & Zoning. Going forward at the time of Site Plan review the developer will be notified that they will be required to provide construction inspection and oversight by a qualified engineering firm. Due to scheduling conflicts, the October Road Commission meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on October 15, 2025.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn, Roger 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Bridge #	Location	Consultant	Contact	Notes	NDDOT Project Number and PCN	Bid Date	Funding	CE
On System								
30-128-19.0	1 South Almont	Sauber	John Sauber	PS&E plans submitted to NDDOT	BRC-3027(056) PCN 23735	November 14, 2025	Fed 80-20 + CE	
30-162-41.0	Solen	HDR	Craig Mizera	Design Complete, Bid 3 times, no bids	BRC-CVD-3063(052) PCN 23294	January 1, 2027	Fed 100% + CE	
Off System								
30-152-35.0	11 East 1 North Flasher	APEX	Troy Ripplinger	Design Complete R/W Acquisition	BRJ-0030(050) PCN 23716	October 10, 2025	NDDOT 100% + PE & CE	RFP
30-158-27.0	2 South 1 East of St Anthony	APEX	Troy Ripplinger	Design Complete R/W Acquisition	BRJ-0030(050) PCN 23716	October 10, 2025	NDDOT 100% + PE & CE	RFP
30-141-25.0 (Schmidt)	11 North 1 West Flasher	Ulteig	Mary Boechler	Draft DCE under review by NDDOT	BRJ-0030(051) PCN 23984	January 1, 2027	NDDOT 100% + PE & CE	
30-133-03.0 (Youngtown)	7 N of New Salem	AE2S	Todd Norton	Bid Date moved due to Environmental Document	BRP-BRJ-0030(049) PCN 23557	December 12, 2025	NDDOT 100% + CE	
Flex Funding								
30-156-04.1 (Mork Bridge)	2 West 6 North of Mandan	KLJ	Jennie Krause	Semi-Final for Flex Funding. Submitting the estimate by end of the month		Bidding early 2026		
30-114-08.0 (Kinnischtzke)	3 North of Glen Ullin	Apex	Troy Ripplinger	Received Right of Way Occupation Permit			Apply for Flex Funding	
30-129-18.1 (Theil Bridge) Remove Bridge and build road	1 E 1 S Almont			Submitting Estimate to NDDOT for Bridge Removal Funding			Apply for Flex Funding	
30-145-11.0 (Sweet Briar)	6 East of Judson	Interstate	Maria Tomac	Preliminary Engineering & Design Box Culvert			Apply for Flex Funding	
30-128-10.0 (Heid)	5 West 1 South of New Salem			Preliminary Engineering & Design Box Culvert			Apply for Flex Funding	
30-120-23.0 (Emter)	5 South 8 West of Almont			Preliminary Engineering & Design Box Culvert			Apply for Flex Funding	
30-164-35.0 17th	3 South 9 West Ft Rice			Closed May 13 due to split Pier Cap		IBI On-Site working	Morton County	
Road Projects								
Hebron CR140 (Summit Avenue)	HBP 1.0 mile Curb & Gutter	AE2S	Jason Gerving	Work is proceeding	SC-3004(054) PCN 23864	February 7, 2025	Fed 80-20 + CE	AE2S
St Anthony Chip Sealing CR 139 Glen Ullin	HBP 1.0 mile Curb & Gutter	Sauber In-house	Joe Baneck		SC-3026(055) PCN 24672 SC-3000(015) PCN 24679	November 14, 2025 November 14, 2025	Fed 80-20 Fed 80-20	Sauber
Micro Surfacing CR 139A to Monte's		In-house			SC-3008(059) PCN 24677 SU-1-988(057) PCN 24682	November 14, 2025	Fed 80-20	

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Call order: 23716 Proposal: 2025101023716

Counties: **MORTON**

STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Bidder	Bidder ID	Alt or Opt	Bid Limitation	Total Discount	DBE %	Total
JENSEN BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION INC	358					\$992,968.35
SITWORX EXCAVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPAN	11451					\$1,144,926.47
MIDWEST CONTRACTING LLC	240					\$1,145,861.10
GLADEN CONSTRUCTION INC	7275					\$1,164,331.83
MARTIN CONSTRUCTION INC	860					\$1,231,275.22
TUNHEIM CONSTRUCTION LLC	8299					\$1,339,309.50
EDWARD H SCHWARTZ 258 CONSTRUCTION INC						\$1,394,420.08
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES 159 INC						\$1,402,361.00
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE	9048					\$1,408,812.20
YOUNG GUN CONSTRUCTION LLC	10995					\$1,469,651.22
KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	2712					\$1,531,062.00

(11 apparent bids)

Call order: 24298 Proposal: 2025101024298

Counties: CASS

GRADING; CONCRETE SHARED USE PATH

Bidder	Bidder ID	Alt or Opt	Bid Limitation	Total Discount	DBE %	Total
EARTHWORK SERVICES INC	11111					\$1,168,127.05
VALLEY GRADING INC	8335					\$1,225,247.07
BORDER STATES PAVING INC	195					\$1,324,806.04
NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY	140					\$1,358,219.38
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE	9048					\$1,398,488.50
OPP CONSTRUCTION LLC	119					\$2,043,593.80

(6 apparent bids)