

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> 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 am 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Natalie Pierce – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be discussed at Planning & Zoning next week. There is a potential for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.