

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Finley, ND

The Steele County Commission Special meeting was called to order via Zoom at 8:02 am. Present were Vice Chairman Brian Tuite, Commissioners Richard C. Strand, and Brandon Krueger. Also present was Reed Oien, Mike Bassingthwaite, Tyler Birchem, and Ben Gates. Chairman Russell Walcker joined later via phone. Commissioner Ted Johnson was absent.

Commissioner Tuite turned the meeting over to Bassingthwaite to provide an overview of the NDDOT bridge projects and funding. Bassingthwaite discussed the bridge projects slated for 2023 construction. The discussion turned to preliminary engineering for one of the bridges and the change in the DOT covered expenses. Work on one bridge for 2023 has already been done and the county would not get reimbursed for work already completed. However, moving forward this funding would cover 100% cost for the remaining bridges and expense.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve moving forward with the two bridges slated for 2023 construction and paying the preliminary construction fee. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.



Vice Chairman – Brian Tuite



Auditor – Emily Wigen