# Landowner (LO) Meeting Summary

Meeting date and time: January 28, 2020 between 9 AM and 5 PM Mountain Time

Meeting location: Dakota Countryside Inn, 22885 US Highway 12, Watauga, SD 57660

Project Number: NH 0012(206)112 Corson County PCN 05HW

**SDDOT Staff present:** John Villbrandt – Mobridge Area Engineer

Neil Schochenmaier – Pierre Road Design Engineering Project Manager

Brad Richards – Pierre Right of Way (ROW) Coordinator

Andrea Matica – Pierre Road Design Project Engineering Designer

New contact information provided by Individual Landowners or Area Engineer:

\*Lee Lopez property (Strip No. 18 STA 51+50 to 54+53 L). John Lopez told John Villbrandt that his dad, Lee, passed away. John Lopez provided his own address for property information inquiries. Gene G (ROW) changed HW07 to (deceased). Rodney Hoffman dropped in at the LO Meeting and said he purchased this property.

Rodney Hoffman, 22419 107<sup>th</sup> St, Morristown, SD 57645 (605) 524-3388

City of Morristown (Strip No. 21A STA 70+45 to 75+75 L)

City Representative is Gary Uhrig (605) 524-3379 (same contact number as in Strip No.s 14 and 15)

Dennis J. O'Donnell & Francis J. O'Donnell (Strip No. 8 STA 22+49 to 28+52 L)

P.O. Box 95, Morristown, SD 57645 (605) 524-3269

\*Joe Maher (Strip No.s 28, 29 and 31 STA 173+43 to STA 236+67 L)

Joe's representative, Preston Mollman, told us during the LO Meeting that Joe emailed the Area Engineer Secretaries. John Villbrandt plans to provide the email address to us. Preston arrived with Robert G. Mollman and Jonabeth J. Mollman (Strip 41B STA 412+53 to STA 430+23 B). Preston also owns property in the area. Joe's email address is: <a href="mailto:Joe.Maher@pgs.com">Joe.Maher@pgs.com</a>.

Dale L. Mollman (Strip No. 16 STA 44+17 to 47+16 L)

P.O. Box 126, Morristown, SD 57645

Dale is also known as "Buzzy" and he is a Town Official

Debra K. Mistelski & Donald C. Mistelski (<u>Strip No.s 22, 23 and 24</u> STA 76+50 through 140+91 L Strip No. 22 to Both sides Strip No.s 23-24)

6385 91<sup>st</sup> Street Southwest, Morristown, SD 57645 (701) 522-3493

- \*Ted Nehl & Eileen Nehl (Strip No. 19 STA 55+20 to STA 58+17 L)
  - -According to Bill, he is the new owner of this parcel.
  - -Bill Nehl: address and phone number are the same.
- \*Russel Ruhoff (Strip No. 43 STA 466+69 to 494+13 L)

John Villbrandt said the LO Meeting invitation mail was returned, "RETURN TO SENDER. NO SUCH NUMBER. UNABLE TO FORWARD" for the address, 1864 Boulder Avenue, Riverside, CA 92346

New contact information footnote:

<sup>\*1-29-2020</sup> Gene Geffre-ROW emailed Andrea Matica, Road Design, to not to change landowner names until ROW gets updated landowner information. When the time comes to get updated land owners and there is a name change that is the only time when we should update the new land owners. If there is a change of address or phone number for a current land owner that is not a problem to change.

### Individual Landowner Notes and DOT Response Action Items:

- 1) BNSF Leasing Corp (Strip No. 32 STA 222+56 to STA 250+47 L)
  - a) Preston Mollman, Joe Maher's representative at the LO Meeting, said Joe [or Preston—Road Design requests clarification] leases BNSF ROW from about STA 240+00 to STA 245+00 on the north side.
- 2) City of Morristown (Strip No. 21A STA 70+45 to 75+75 L)
  - a) Utilities: Clint Freeman (Utility Coordinator, <u>clint.freeman@state.sd.us</u>, (605) 773-4426), please contact Gary Uhrig at (605) 524-3379 to coordinate City utilities and locations. There are no known issues with the sewer and water lines.
  - b) Sewer line follows the highline wires into town west from the lagoon.
  - c) 2-inch poly water force main Main Street to 1st Ave E, 2nd West to 3rd West on north side, not too far beyond the power poles. Buried 6 feet.
  - d) Fiber optic cable is buried about 18-inches.
  - e) Telephone lines (West River Telephone Coop) are on both sides.
  - f) Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative has lines.
  - g) Temporary Fence: the City wants temporary fence during construction.
    - i) The temporary fence will only be along the highway frontage.
- 3) Iris Gross (Strip No. 12 STA 34+46 to STA 35+86 L)
  - a) Utilities: light pole is about 20-feet from the lot line. She isn't sure who owns it. There is an underground electric pedestal as well.
    - i) Clint, please see City of Morristown, Moreau-Grand Electric sub-note above. Iris Gross may be reached at 605-524-3378.
  - b) Drainage concern: Under large storm events, the ditch on 1st Ave near to this property and the frontage ditch line fills up high. It doesn't drain along 1st Ave but rather stands for days.
    - i) Area Engineer, Road Design, and/or Hydraulics are to investigate/coordinate resolution (as needed).
- 4) Jerry L. Kling & Arleen Kling (Strip No. 20 STA 58+85 to STA 62+90 L)
  - a) From 5th Ave to ¼ Section line on east, Neil Schochenmaier, Road Design, recommends adding a temporary easement on the north side.
  - b) Road Design plans to move the 24-foot entrance currently at 58+15 L to align with 5th Ave E centerline.
    - i) This is planned to be a public 28-foot Intersecting Road (58+40 L) connection for Strip No. 19 (Nehl) as well.
      - (1) Jerry Kling likes the shared entrance—he says it is better for the trucks.
  - c) Jerry Kling does not want fence.
  - d) Jerry Kling wants topsoil put back.
    - i) Area Engineer described the topsoil strip, stockpile, and return process.
- 5) Jerry L. Kling & Arleen Kling (Strip No. 21 62+90 to 76+05 L)
  - a) Jerry Kling says he is paying taxes on about 5.6 acres on south side of highway between State ROW and BNSF ROW around STA 65+00 to STA 70+00 R.
    - i) Brad Richards plans to start a process to investigate the deeds.
    - ii) Jerry Kling was also informed to discuss this with the County Treasurer.
  - b) Jerry Kling wants topsoil put back.
    - Area Engineer described the typical topsoil strip, stockpile, and return to parcel process.

- 6) Lee Lopez (deceased) c/o John Lopez [new owner Rodney Hoffman] (Strip No. 18 STA 51+50 to 54+50 L)
  - a) Rodney requests another entrance.
    - i) Neil Schochenmaier and Andrea Matica, Road Design, plan to investigate adding another approach at 4th Ave E.
  - b) Rodney said there is an existing woven fence.
- 7) Joe Maher (Strip No.s 28, 29 and 31 STA 173+43 to STA 236+67 L)
  - a) Preston Mollman, Joe's representative at the LO Meeting, believes the existing fence is 3-barbed wires.
    - i) Road Design said the standard replacement is 4-barbed wires.
  - b) Road Design discussed the proposed permanent easement on the fill slope in Strip 29 with Preston Mollman.
- 8) Debra K. Mistelski & Donald C. Mistelski (Strip No. 23 STA 89+20 to STA 114+69 B)
  - a) Drainage: they have no issue with eliminating the existing mainline crossing culvert at STA 107+27.
    - i) Road Design plans to coordinate with Area Engineer and Hydraulics as needed.
  - b) Drainage: ~STA 110+00 L there is standing water 3-4 days; LO said to consider adding culverts.
    - i) Road Design, Area Engineer plan to investigate as needed.
- 9) Debra K. Mistelski & Donald C. Mistelski (Strip No. 24 STA 114+69 to 140+91 B)
  - a) Bismarck Deadwood Stage Trail plaque, historical marker, related signs, and historical marker turnout STA 132+88 L: LO okays moving them from existing north side to south side per DOT maintenance request.
    - i) Road Design plans to revise the plans to make it so.
    - ii) Consider coordinating with the Historic Preservation Society and Environmental.
- 10) Debra K. Mistelski & Donald C. Mistelski (Strip No.s 22, 23 and 24 STA 76+50 through 140+91 L (north side))
  - a) Landowners want temporary fence during construction.
  - b) Permanent fence preferred location is at top of slope.
    - Landowners want all steel fence posts as opposed to the alternating wood/steel standard posts (LO states known problems with wood posts for both Beaver damage in creek as well as posts breaking just above ground in other areas).
  - c) Gravel is available for this project. Contact LOs for the gravel location (STA 115+00 to STA 120+00 L).
    - i) John Villbrandt, Mobridge Area Engineer, said the DOT no longer tests gravel. The DOT continues to test soil.
  - d) Road Design is to check with Hydraulics for the traffic diversion pipe size.
- 11) Dale L. Mollman (Strip No. 16 STA 44+17 to 47+16 L)
  - a) Dale has no problem with eliminating the diagonal entrance at STA 44+15 L.
  - b) FYI: the 28-foot Intersecting St (1st Ave E) does not go all the way through to the end in back.
  - c) LO said there are no ponding issues.
- 12) Robert G. Mollman & Jonabeth J. Mollman (Strip No. 41B STA 412+53 to STA 430+23 B)
  - a) Fill dirt (dug out waste) is available from property on south side corner of property STA 415+00 R
  - b) The entrance at STA 419+18 R crosses through BNSF ROW to their parcel. There are new planks across the RR tracks. The LOs like the wider 24-foot entrance mainly because they move hay with stack movers. They do not want to eliminate this entrance.

- c) LOs like the proposed flattening down along the highway profile grade about 7-feet in the vicinity of the entrance by the section line. STA 364+12 R currently proposed 28-foot Intersecting Rd (226th Ave). LOs want right turn lane from county road to highway. They said the entrance is "dangerous" due to poor sight distance due to the existing hill on the west. In the past, their son was involved in a collision and his car was totaled as was the other vehicle. Fortunately, there were no fatalities.
  - i) Road Design plans to revise the STA 364+12 R Intersecting Rd entrance to a larger, 50-foot entrance.
- d) LOs want the topsoil back.
  - i) Area Engineer said the topsoil is stripped, stockpiled, and then replaced. Any existing pasture would be reseeded.
- 13) Frank D. Mollman & Lois Y. Mollman (<u>Strip No.s 36 and 38</u> STA 305+96 to 332+55 B and 332+55 to 359+26 R respectively)
  - a) STA 364+12 R currently proposed 28-foot Intersecting Rd (226th Ave). LOs discussed a "dangerous entrance" citing poor sight distance due to the hill on the west. LOs recommend adding a turn lane from the local road to the highway to east. Trucks turning right to eastbound Highway 12 travel lane frequently stop in the southbound lane (left lane side of the local road that is intended for opposing direction traffic) in order to avoid off-tracking issues. LOs also state school buses also find it difficult to use this entrance. LOs want State DOT to visit this to see for ourselves. They also recommend looking at crash data at this entrance. There is a lot of truck traffic and they hope this entrance is made safer. LO's were pleased to hear the highway vertical curve is cut down about 7 feet. Neil Schochenmaier said we will revise this entrance to a 50-foot entrance.
  - b) Environmental: LOs are interested in using their land for wetland mitigation. They request Environmental to contact them again (605) 524-3245.
    - i) Neil Schochenmaier mentioned Bridget Carnahan (Environmental Wetland Specialist <u>bridget.carnahan@state.sd.us</u>, (605) 773-3568) contacted them previously, but they did not come to an agreement.
- 14) Ted Nehl & Eileen Nehl [new owner Bill Nehl] (Strip No. 19 STA 55+20 to STA 58+17 L)
  - a) Temporary fence: Bill wants woven fence for sheep enclosure during construction.
  - b) Permanent fence: Bill wants woven with 2 wires at top and no wires at bottom.
  - c) Bill likes the proposed intersecting road connection at 5th Ave E.
    - i) Road Design plans to move this intersecting road apron from STA 58+15 L to better align with the 5th Ave E centerline (STA 58+40 L).
  - d) Bill said the Bismarck-Deadwood Stage Trail might have gone through this property based on ruts that were there.
    - i) Road Design does not plan to coordinate with Environmental and the Historic Preservation Society since this is outside the project limits.
- 15) Dennis J. O'Donnell & Francis J. O'Donnell (Strip No. 8 STA 22+49 to 28+52 L)
  - a) The barb-wire fence was torn out and no longer exists.
- 16) Marlene Soebbing & Paul H. Soebbing (<u>Strip No.s 44 and 47</u> STA 466+69 to 480+41 R and 480+41 to 494+13 L) also representing their daughter, Adelheid (also known as Heidi) Adelheid M. Soebbing-Volk (<u>Strip No. 44</u> STA 466+69 to 480+41 R) and Adelheid M. Soebbing (<u>Strip No.s 45 and 46</u> (STA 480+41 to 502+20 R), and Adelheid Soebbing-Volk (Strip No. 47 STA 480+41 to 494+13 L).
  - a) Brad Richards plans to provide additional ROW information such as legal description revisions and ROW plans with LO Meeting markups to Road Design and Area Engineer.

- b) Yellowstone Trail goes through their land. Their approach is west of the two silos. Paul requests a new approach.
  - i) Road Design determined the existing approach is outside project limits and will, therefore, remain as is.

#### 17) Gary Charles Uhrig (Strip No. 15 STA 40+52 to 43+51 L)

- a) LO said he would be sad to see the big trees at STA 43+00 to 45+00 R cut down.
  - i) Road Design said any trees cut down that are on the landowner's property for this project would be compensated but not replaced.

## Road Design requested additional drainage culvert information from Mobridge Area Engineer:

- 1) STA 236+36 R FYI: Ditch Block elevation is planned to be coordinated with Hydraulics.
- 2) STA 346+30+/- R the existing pipe under the RR tracks in BNSF ROW needs location, type and size. FYI: an outlet channel between tis RR pipe and the highway pipe at STA 344+38 may need to be constructed.
- 3) STA 253+15 the highway pipe is not aligned with the pipe under the RR tracks. Road Design is considering an outlet channel between the two. Please locate the pipe and provide pipe details. This pipe is tied to the STA 251+40 pipe.
- 4) STA 384+55 request the culvert size and details.
- 5) STA 479+10 R need the size and location of the RR culvert in BNSF ROW.

## Mobridge Area Engineer requests information from Road Design:

1) LO contact phone numbers will be prepared on a separate list by Road Design and provided when the LO mailing forms are submitted to the Area Engineer.