## MEMORANDUM

TO:
FROM: Thomas B. Soucy, County Engineer
DATE: April 8, 2024
SUBJECT: Agenda Item for April 15, 2024, Cass County Commission. Cass Hwy 14 Access Permit - Oak Valley Plat

The Highway Department has been working with the City of Horace and the developer of the Oak Valley subdivision to come to an agreement on the proposed access location along Cass County Hwy 14 west of Cass County Hwy 17.The existing accesses on the south side of Cass County Hwy 14 between Cass County Hwy 17 and the Sheyenne River are cumbersome. There are accesses for private drives, commercial businesses, township roads, cemeteries, and residential subdivisions. The location of the existing accesses makes it difficult to accommodate new access points all while following our County standards to make a safe roadway for the traveling public.

The existing spacing for this section of roadway from east to west is as follows: Cass County Hwy 17 to $72^{\text {nd }} S t S\left(1,150^{\prime}\right), 72^{\text {nd }} S t S$ to $73^{\text {rd }} S t S\left(960^{\prime}\right), 73^{\text {rd }} S t S$ to Naseth Property $(1,750$ '), and Naseth Property to $81^{\text {st }}$ St $S\left(1,400^{\prime}\right)$. With the knowledge we have of current and future developments in that area we feel as though the major intersection locations will be at $73^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{St} \mathrm{S}$, the new access location (Robin Rd), and $81^{\text {st }} \mathrm{St} \mathrm{S}$. Once these major intersections are built out, they will warrant full turnlane sections. To accommodate full intersections, we will need a minimum of 1,600 ' between major intersections to build effectively. The Highway Department's proposed location would be to place the new access 215 ’ East of the Naseth access. By placing the new access here that would give 1,600' on either side of our planned major intersection locations at $73^{\text {rd }}$ St S and $81^{\text {st }}$ St S. Given the situation this meets the Chapter 10 requirements of Cass County Highway Access Ordinance. This ordinance states that accesses shall generally be restricted to one access per one quarter mile.

With respect to the proximity to the Naseth access we feel as though the low traffic that utilizes this access would not interfere with the new proposed access location. When traffic warrents full turnlanes at these major intersections or when parcels on the north side of Cass County Hwy 14 are platted, the Highway Department will need to work with the landowners/developers to align the proposed locations to match the south access locations. The Highway Department will also need to continue to work with the Naseth Property access to utilize the proposed Robin Road access from Cass Highway 14. This will ensure continued safe future traffic movements in this area.

SUGGESTED MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN THE CASS HWY 14 ACCESS PERMIT FOR THE OAK VALLEY PLAT AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION.

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