

Pre-Bid Conference
Project 059-01-9D41F
PRB.32630
McDowell County
February 18, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Chad Loftis - NCDOT, Kicked off the meeting. Project to be opened for bid February 25, 2026

Kristin Moyle - NCEM Deputy Project Manager, Welcomed and thanked all in attendance

Jackie McSwain

PRB.32627, Ashe County.

A bridge Replacement over Three Mile Creek, located on NC 226A in Marion

Bid Open Wednesday, February 25th at 2pm in the Division 13 office

Date of Availability, March 27th, 2026

Completion October 1, 2026 with Liquidated Damages of \$600 per calendar day.

Discussed the Special Provision for permits. All paperwork will be prepared and the contractor just signs and pays for the permit. The contractor will be reimbursed dollar for cost of the permit.

This is a NCDOT and NCEM project, please make sure to submit complete package as written in Instruction to Bidders.

Chad Loftis

There was a question from earlier in the week concerning the weight limit of the existing structure. The existing structure is no longer there and the temporary access is actually 2 pipe culverts that's been filled over. There is no designed weight limit currently.

Questions

1. If permitting is needed, how will the contractor be paid?

A Special Provision will be added. Contractor will be reimbursed for permit fees.

2) If Not can Causeways be used at the Interior Bents to accommodated the drill rig for pile Excavation ?

Answer: Flow in the South Fork New River cannot be impounded (permit condition)

Temporary access across the river can be a combination of causeway and work bridge or entirely work bridge. However, total continuous span of work bridge must be at minimum of 80' between the banks. Temporary rock causeways may be used in areas around the bents as long as no more than two of these areas are in place at any given time. These areas can be accessed by temporary work bridge as well at the Contractor's option.

12" RCP pipe is may not be sourced regularly, would 15" RCP be acceptable for use?
Yes, please bid existing item

There appears to be an overhead utility line directly over the bent that is closest to 1923. Is anyone doing anything about that or are we going to?

Answer – NCDOT will look into this situation

Discussion of precast slabs and the time it takes for manufacture.

Answer: NCEM team will loot at the contract duration and make any necessary adjustments.

Concrete Washout Structures – how is the determination made of which one to use

Answer: Field decision

Response for Erosion Control - it is not in the contract

Answer: Correct

Who will be performing inspections in the field

Answer: NCEM will be supplying the project inspection

Chad Loftis

NCDOT refers to Section 100 of the Standard Specifications specifically about bid acceptance.

Jackie McSwain

Any further questions should be directed to Chad Loftis by COB February 11, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.