

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
April 24, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37t St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt via Skype, James Schmidt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, and Tom Bair.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$311,638 and expenditures totaling \$142,449 of the MWWS for the month of March 2024 and the quarterly reports. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. The new Chevrolet pickup has been purchased, replacing the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. A fraud Risk Assessment has been put in place per the State Auditor. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment. Mgr Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. 57 meter replacements were done since last month. Lyons Road project, insurance is finally straightened out and received an email approving the insurance. This will go to the Permitting Mgr. Project crews are doing boring, until they get the easements. Boring pipes have been sent out south of Judson for this project. Bryan put together some cost estimates for future projects, Mandan Master Meter, Flasher Elevated Tank, and the Fort Lincoln State Parks Improvements, and has been submitted to the SWC for planning. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the preliminary costs on the 3 projects. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU. 3 projects ranking, master meter being the first on the list. Honey Hills project for both sides plan to be started this summer. Discussion on using more water from the City of Mandan and changing our pricing for the excess amounts of water being used in the summer. Mgr. Garvie will analyze the rate structure and present to the Board in May. The water line at Fort Rice has a customer requesting use from an unused curb stop. There is no service unit attached to that curb stop. The water was stopped in that location in 2003. It is not available because that water has been allotted to a different customer. New Salem appreciated the help from Hunter for helping with the water outage they had occurred.
5. Sunflo 2 Liquidtek proposal: Discussion was held on the proposal for the SunFlo treatment, which would include 3 modules, 1 with cellular communication of motor data and a multi probe which includes a 3 year annual removal and reinstall action using an onsite storage location. Proposal is \$84,600 with 50% due with the order and balance upon delivery and installation. Is it worth the money to able for the public to use the lake longer due to the lower blue green algae conditions, if it works? Mgr. Engelhardt suggested having Tom Bair look over the terms, #7 regarding liability. Mgr. Norton thinks they will be heavy on maintenance and how long is the service life of these. Also, could there be a lease option. Chairman Bachmeier will invite him to the May meeting to answer questions from the Board.
6. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen checked out the beaver dam and he thinks if that gets eliminated it may cure all the problems with the plunge pool. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with permission from land owner to get a back hoe back there to eliminate them. Chairman Bachmeier will check with Rory Schlosser to inspect this. The low water draw down pipe is still leaking. Maybe more than last year. Harmon Lake is open, water and electricity has been turned on. Car counter is in place. Paddle

On is there. Flag Pole positioning: west of the road going into HL by the camper disposal. Boy Scout troop who stays out at HL every year has an Eagle Scout that wrote a grant and received \$1500 for trees to be placed at HL. Tim will put some of these trees by the flag pole location along with some glacier rocks. Question came to the Park Board regarding putting bees by Harmon Lake.

7. Wachter Land: Chairman Bachmeier talked to 2 MC Commissioners, they wanted to know how we justify spending that amount of taxpayer's dollars. Consensus of the Board is to have Chairman Bachmeier put together a list of potential possibilities for that piece of land and present to Wachters.

8. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU. Starion Bank would like to move the pledges of security accounts to the Bank of ND because Wells Fargo is no longer doing this and would like us to sign to allow them to do this. Public Entities or municipalities have to be federally insured so that is why we need pledges of securities at 110% of your monthly balance. Mgr. Wetsch moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign upon approval from Tom Bair after checking the Century code. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1537	Bair Law Firm	\$1050.00	Legal Fees
1538	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$261.81	Meetings, mileage
1539	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.85	Meetings, mileage
1540	Todd Norton	\$208.61	Meetings, mileage
1541	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1542	James R Wetsch	\$304.32	Meetings, mileage
1543	Brenda Wincker	\$1435.58	Salary, equip rent, Lunch reimbursed

There being no further business, motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.