

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

April 25, 2018

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on April 25, 2018 at the Morton County Highway Shop at 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jim Schmidt, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Craig Keidel, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Ron Sando, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, Brian Ziegler, Bartlett & West, and Jim Collins, State Health Dept.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the minutes from March 28, 2018. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that a copy be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Counsel, Tom Bair.
4. MWWS: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$147,877 and expenditures totaling \$246,941 of the MWWS for the month of March 2018. Manager Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz gave the following report to the Board: Brian Ziegler, Bartlett & West was present to discuss the possible pressure issues at Harmon Lake. With upcoming developers at HL, Mgr. Kemnitz is concerned that the pressure will be reduced. The Board would like to hold a meeting with SWA for possibly increasing water purchases coming from the north. The next step is to get a firm design and funding for the project. Mgr. Schmidt moved to allow Mgr. Kemnitz and Bartlett & West to develop design options and cost estimates for a 2, 5, and 10 year plan and return to the Board. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Discussion was also held on creating a reserve fund for future maintenance of the water system. There are 2 tanks that may need paint and a meter project may be in the future. Craig has scheduled 4 tanks to have a clean down and maintenance. Routine work is being completed and the operators are doing an excellent job of working as a team. The City of New Salem had a plan for some infrastructure projects and would like a 40 year contract with MWWS. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to allow Mgr. Kemnitz to extend a 40 year contract for water supply with SWA and the City of New Salem. MCU. The City of Mandan received a grant to replace the 30" line on Hwy. 1806, which may cause pressure drops. Mgr. Kemnitz reported to the Board that Brenda Winckler will be used as a backup for payroll if needed.

5. Flooding: Snow pack for 2018 is almost the same as 2011. Tim Nilsen reported that the water at Grainer Park is 1 to 1 ½ ft. higher than last year at this time. Outflows will be at 32,000 until May 10th.
6. Zachmeier CAT Road: The road from Lyle Zachmeier to Orr's had a lot of dirt on it from last fall's project. Tony Goetzfried reported the MC Highway Dept does not want crushed asphalt to be used there but would like to use Class 13 gravel. Recycled asphalt cost is \$17 vs. \$13 for Class 5 gravel. Cost is estimated to be \$6,000 to \$8,000. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to allow Chairman Bachmeier to proceed with and complete the Zachmeier Road project upon MC Highway recommendations not to exceed \$10,000. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. The Zachmeier CAT ditch also has a lot of silt building up causing a plunge pool. It will need to have rock placed in the plunge pool and pull material back and level. Tony G. will take care of this project.
7. Wainwrights Easements: Tony will talk to homeowners to see if it's possible to gain an easement from them to gain access to west HL property.
8. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that camping fees in Morton County will remain the same as last year. The fire ban has been put on in the parks and Tim has the discretion when to remove it. Bobcat Co. has a "Day of Caring", and would like to bring their equipment and put terraces on the hill from the parking lot down to the beach. Tim will meet with them and discuss the project and report back to the Board. Tim is currently working on a grant for trees at HL. Campgrounds are open. The fencing project totaled \$9173 and will begin soon. Tim will be gone from May 7-11th.
9. Harmon Lake: Bids for chipping and sealing were received for HL. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and accept the bid of \$34,365.52. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch would like Tim and Ron Sando take a look at the bridge on the bike trail. The downstream side is eroded a little and would like them to look and see what can be done. Beaver trapping also needs to be done at HL. Discussion was held concerning breaching the stock dam. No action will be taken at this time. Some off road driving is taking place at HL. The 20 ft. easement at Whitetail Ridge subdivision has been established but when MGS placed their transmission box in the middle of the easement it eliminated our access to HL. A lot is for sale next to the easement and MCWRD submitted an offer to purchase it at \$69,900, the asking price. Discussion of the Board is to retain ownership of the south 50 ft. with a shared approach for both pieces of land and resell the North part of the lot. Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z is in favor of replatting the lot for allowing maintenance and safety and will merge with the current land. The 20 ft. utility easement and remaining 30ft. does not need to be designated and rezoned as public as it connects to our other property. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to proceed with the purchase of Lot 1, Block 1 at Whitetail Ridge subdivision keeping ownership of the south 50 feet and reselling the balance of the lot. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. Vote: Schmidt: yes, Christensen: yes, Saxowsky: yes, Wetsch: yes, Bachmeier: yes. MCU. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to sign up for Rural Water once the purchase is finished. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Haying at HL: Consensus of the Board is to place an ad in the Mandan News for 2 weeks for the haying with the land being on a 3 piece rotation with spillway being hayed every year. Tom Bair will take care of this.
10. Environmental Learning Center: Jim Collins, State Health Dept. was present to approach the Board on putting up an Environmental Learning Center at HL. They would like to find a

spot at Harmon Lake for an Outdoor Learning Center. They have built a learning center at Horizon Middle School which will be operational soon and would pursue funding for this project from Endeavor Refinery. Estimated cost is \$60,000 with minimal maintenance. The stations are located within walking distance from each other. All the construction would be completed by them. A spot on the west side was where Jim thought would work. Consensus of the Board is to wait until the Eco Ed Center is completed at Horizon.

11. MC P&Z: Natalie Pierce reported an information sharing meeting will be held for long range planning for the Water District and the MC Regional Development Committee and can be held at the MC Commissioners Chambers. Board would like to wait until June.
12. Ray Christensen has purchased a home in Arizona and plans to step down from the Board later this year. County Commission will advertise for this position later this year.
13. Financials: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
5794	MC Weed Board	\$378.00	Weed spray for HL
5795	Oak tree Realtors	\$1000.00	Ernest money for land at HL
5796	Bair Law Firm	\$835.00	Legal Fees
5797	FU Lumber, New Salem	\$8472.00	Wood for fence at HL
5798	MC Park Dept	\$701.86	Fastenal Inv Fence HL
5799	Workforce Safety	\$250.00	Workers Comp for Board
5800	Wade Bachmeier	\$508.69	Meetings, mileage
5801	Ray Christensen	\$174.67	Meetings, mileage
5802	Tony Goetzfried	\$251.67	Meetings, mileage, supplies
5803	George Saxowsky	\$187.17	Meetings, mileage
5804	James Schmidt	\$141.18	Meetings, mileage
5805	James Wetsch	\$491.17	Meetings, mileage, harrow
5806	Brenda Winckler	\$1003.59	Salary, equip rent, stamps
EFT	IRS	\$455.76	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, President

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.