

Morton County Water Resource District
Unapproved Minutes
April 27, 2022

1. The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the office of the MWWS, 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Sec-Treas. Brenda Winckler, Managers: Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, Jamie Wetsch, Jim Schmidt, Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, NC Parks, Ron Sando, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended minutes from March 23, 2022. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested the minutes be sent to Legal Counsel, County Auditor and SWC.
4. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$152,939 and expenditures, \$105,328, of the MWWS for the month of March 2022. Manager Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Manager Schmidt. MCU. Quarterly Reports were reviewed. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Lyons Road project, sent out 19 letters with a total of 15 approvals sent back. USDA loan paid in full on March 23, 2022. Mgr. Schmidt reported on the state law that protects same as 1926B that is no longer. State is working on repeal and replace so that the loans are still covered like the 1926B. Ft. Lincoln: working on contract between MWWS and ND Parks. Bryan working with them to get proper language for the project contract. Estimate is \$900,000 which includes a 20,000 gallon reservoir and replacing the main line. May need a larger meter pit to allow more flow at lesser demand time. 2nd building inspection: General contractor came in and looked over the report. MGS replaced the furnace. Twin City Roofing repaired the roof. After the storms, Craig will meet with electrical crew to analyze each tower site to determine putting in an onsite generator at each site, and get an estimate and present at the next Board Meeting. 2 tank repairs should begin in June, New Salem and finish the airport tank. Developers are going to begin to develop the western portion of Keidel development.
5. State Audits: 117 water Districts and only 29 Boards are doing proper audits. Need to follow state law for each Board. Agreement made to have Jack Dwyer and State Auditor to write letter to each Water Board to describe what needs to be done for audits. If there is \$750,000 income in that Board a full scale audit needs to be completed. Otherwise a Financial Report will need to be completed by the Board.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported: Gearing up for 2022. Morton County Parks have a new logo that will be used on equipment and a gift certificate can be used for camping sites, not the group pads at HL, Grainer, and Ft. Rice. HL has come up quite a bit, so the docks will be put out soon. Tim doesn't recommend doing the low water draw unless the water starts to flow over the glory hole, then he will open the bottom. There is still a no campfire sign up, due to G&F has the sign at Oahe, so MC Parks will follow their guidelines until the campground host is on site which will be beginning of May and the water will be turned on soon. The kayak rental will

again be open at HL. Hopefully an underpass from the trail to the HL site thru the current walkway thru the subdivision will begin next year. Tim is currently looking at RFPs for the project. There is still some interest in an archery building at HL. Looking for funding to pursue the project. Discussion was held concerning the draining of Lake Tschida and what happens to the water as it comes down thru Morton County. Would maybe like a presentation on how they will handle the water flow thru Morton County and what affect it has to the irrigations that use the water. Temporary trail signs were made and with no opposition from anyone, Mgr. Engelhardt moved to proceed with purchasing metal trail signs not to exceed \$250. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU.

7. Drainage ditch easement at Willow Road: Discussion on where there is Danny Drive, a public rite of way, and Willow Road, the County has a drainage easement but the land owner would like to know if an easement could be done to be able to draw water from the MR.
8. MRJB EAP: Plans lined up to meet with Counties, League of Cities on June 6th to do a presentation at SWA. Stakeholder meeting in August and a meeting with Andrea in May. Garrison Diversion and SWC approved the cost sharing. 23 month cost will be approximately \$180,000. Press Release was sent out this week on plans for this.
9. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1345	Bair Law Firm	\$365.00	Legal Fees
1346	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$610.90	Meetings
1347	Bruce Engelhardt	\$279.17	Meetings, mileage
1348	Michael Kemnitz	\$305.79	Meetings, mileage
1349	James Schmidt	\$493.12	Meeting, mileage
1350	James Wetsch	\$569.85	Meetings, mileage
1351	Brenda Winckler	\$1313.61	Salary, equip rent Lunch reimbursed
1352	KWR Associates	\$2500.00	MR Coordinator 2 nd pmt
1353	Bair Law Firm	\$700.00	Legal Fees
EFT	IRS	\$723.66	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas