

April 29, 2020

Unapproved

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session via conference call beginning at 1pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Bruce Engelhardt, Jamie Wetsch, Jim Schmidt, George Saxowsky. Also present were Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Ron Sando, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, and Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the amended minutes for the March 26, 2020 meeting. Manager Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that a copy to be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Counsel, Tom Bair.
4. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$148,403 and expenditures, totaling \$139,666 of the MWWS for the month of March 2020. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Karen reported on the following items. Water losses have gone down. Base fees stayed the same. Contract issues: Bryan Ziegler reported on the 2020 projects. Talked to Abbott, Arnie, & Schwindt on Monday looking to begin the project in 3 weeks. Will have to schedule a precon in the next few weeks. Struggling to get easements along 1806, landowners want exact routes before signing so they flagged the location. Per requests of some landowners they have moved some of the construction. They will keep working on easements and right of ways. Progressing well. Tom reminded Bryan that if the easement owner is a MWWS customer, they are required to grant an easement. Have 3-4 add ons since the beginning of this work. MWWS amendment for SWA authority. New Salem has applied for project funds from USDA. In order to get these funds they need to have a water contract for 40 years. Contract will be made until 2060. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and sign contract from SWA for 40 years for the City of New Salem. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Need a Service agreement from Bartlett & West for the 2 projects being done in 2020. Jamie moved to approve and sign the 2 service agreements after changes are made as per B&W Tasks # 313 & 314 with Bartlett & West. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. 15% and 17% engineering fees are on the service agreement because of the timeframe to get easements done. Total of 25% engineering fees for design and

construction of this project. NDDEQ facility plan and funding with the State Revolving Fund have been approved.

5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen was not able to attend. Jamie reported that the campgrounds will be opened beginning May 1st. Special restrictions will keep the group locations closed and rest rooms will be locked except HL rest area by boating ramp. Playgrounds will be closed and only 1 camper per pad. Paddle On has not given the Board a starting date. Do not plan on closing the beach.
6. Dam Inundation: Mike Gunsch reviewed changes on the Dam Inundation Overlay. He would like to update and make changes to some of the codes. Would need to petition to P&Z and MC Commission to change things. Mike suggests overhauling this petition and discussing with Natalie any changes. Consensus of Board is to allow Mike to discuss this with Natalie Pearce. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to proceed with Houston Engineering to prepare the petition necessary to establish the inundation zone based on the original recorded inundation map. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
7. Floodway #2: Mike Gunsch prepared an estimate using lydar topography 60% plan set, \$298,000 budgetary number to complete this project. Not a big wetland issue which has decreased due to water going out on Floodway #1. Who pays for this?? Mike does not think there will be enough benefit to get a lot of funds from SWC. Will need to submit by end of May 20th to get projects into the SWC plan. Will not get funding unless it is in the plan. Board can do this project on its own if planning on doing a special assessment. Mgr. Bachmeier stated that even if we get on the plan it does not mean we have to do the project. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Mike Gunsch to provide documentation on Floodway #2 into the SWC Water development plan. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier would like to visit with landowners to see if there is any willingness from them to invest into this project. Consensus of the Board is to proceed. Will need to request the section line to be closed by the MC Commissioners. It should not cause any access problems from the landowners. Will not need an economic analysis until it comes before the SWC for cost share. We will need additional land easement at no cost from the land owners along the section line with reasonable access.
8. Harmon Lake: Outlet to the dam is closed. Water looks good. Currently sitting at pool level. Stock dam area; have not heard anything from Guthmiller Const. yet. Road is dry to get there. Blue Sky Trails will look at the site on the upstream side of the trail and a possible crossing further north where there is not a clay mess. Will also do touchups by Otter Creek. Chairman Bachmeier received a call stating there were horses at HL. Tom Bair suggests if the fence has been cut or put down and horses are on our property, the sheriff should be contacted as that is trespassing. Beavers have moved into bay across from the boat ramp. Chm. Bachmeier will get a hold of Wayne Schmaltz, to trap the beavers. Judy Goetzfried approved the bench and tree planned to be put at HL in honor of the late Tony Goetzfried.

9. Financial Reports: Consensus of the Board is to put proceeds of sale of the land back into the Starion Money Market. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1102	Wade Bachmeier	\$374.02	Meetings
1103	Bruce Engelhardt	\$124.67	Meetings
1104	George Saxowsky	\$124.68	Meetings
1105	James Schmidt	\$124.68	Meetings
1106	James Wetsch	\$398.35	Meetings, mileage
1107	Brenda Winckler	\$958.59	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$333.49	Payroll taxes
1108	MWWS	\$40.00	Water at WTR
EFT	IRS	\$416.02	Payroll taxes
1109	Bair Law Firm	\$2800.00	Legal fees
1110	Houston Engineering	\$2975.75	Dam Inundation fee
1111	MWWS	\$40.00	Water fee at WTR
1112	Workforce Safety	\$250.00	Insurance
1113	Wade Bachmeier	\$311.68	Meeting
1114	Bruce Engelhardt	\$124.68	Meeting
1115	George Saxowsky	\$124.67	Meeting
1116	James Schmidt	\$124.67	Meeting
1117	James Wetsch	\$527.19	Meetings, mileage, gas, Drop box rent
1118	Brenda Winckler	\$958.59	Salary, equip rent

There being no further business, motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.