

Unapproved

August 28, 2019

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on August 28, 2019 at the Missouri Room in the Comfort Inn Suites, 1516 27th St. No., Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, George Saxowsky, and Jim Schmidt. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Ron Sando, Natalie Pierce, Craig Odenbach, Houston Engineering, and Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes for the July 31, 2019 meeting. Manager Saxowsky 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: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$200,802 and expenditures, totaling \$152,089 of the MWWS for the month of July 2019. Mgr. Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Karen Garvie reviewed the following items. Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, presented the Hydraulic Analysis Plans for the 2020 MWWS projects. These include a 3-mile parallel along County Road 140, and parallel line from the bottleneck and Crown Butte, and the first 2 miles Western Edge Subdivision along Hwy 25. B&W will put together a cost estimate according to what we receive from the SWC and will have a draft set of plans for the construction. If more water can be obtained from SWA, less parallel lines will be needed. There are currently 583- 911 addresses not currently being supplied by MWWS. Karen will contact Dawn Rhone to get on the next MC Commissioner Board agenda. Paperwork has begun for the application for the State Revolving Funds. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign the resolution of the Governing Body for the State Revolving Fund. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. MWWS will need to solicit comments on the proposed projects with construction to begin in the spring. Karen also reported losses are up, but 2 leaks have been fixed. Meters that they ordered to be tested have not come in yet. Tank cleaning has begun, the airport tank has been drained and painting will be completed both inside and out. Estimated to be completed in 3 weeks. MGS requested a security system with a secure door from shop to office, tint, and a secure door with a pay slot to make the building more secure. Cost will be split between MGS and MWWS.

5. SWC: Mgr. Schmidt gave a report on SWC. The COE is selling water to the State of ND. Scott Davis, Standing Rock & Turtle Mt. would like to develop 5,000 acres of irrigation and set up a rural water system. The Tribe is denying an easement. Streeter would like to upgrade their water system. They need a water booster pump at a cost of \$503,000 cost to the city. They will have to complete a life cycle cost analysis. \$111 million was distributed in June.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported to the Board. He contacted Jim Collins to get a monitoring program set up for tributaries coming into HL to be completed in September. A meeting will be held with NRCS on Sept. 12 at 8am to monitor the creek. A low water draw was completed at HL drawing down 21 inches. Due to increased backup, they will reduce the flow by $\frac{1}{2}$ amount and extend the time period. Currently it is at $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch rate and will decrease it to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch per day. It will then be closed on Sept. 5th. The concrete slab at HL has been poured, \$2300, metal legs are on order and will possibly be completed this fall. HL profits this year: \$24,431 down \$13,220 from 2018. The WTR lot needs to be mowed. Tony will check with the renter for the hay land to see if he is interested in mowing it. Tony will also remove the fence at WTR. He also met with G&F doing a head count on fish. They reported there is a good crop of bluegills and bass at HL, not many northerns and could not find any trout.
7. HL Inundation: Craig Odenbach, Houston Engineering was present to discuss the HL Inundation. A letter was sent to the State Engineer for approving the criteria to create the dam inundation guidelines. Federal laws have changed to state any loss of life leads to a hi hazard dam. Ron Sando read the report: once new criteria kicks in HL will become a hi hazard dam. It includes the RR Bridge if it uses 2 or more trains or 400 cars daily, which will make it hi hazard. SWC is putting it back on the Boards. Ron Sando's recommendation is to use the original breach report and recommends not letting anyone build in the inundation zone. He suggests no building downstream and keep the original flood guidelines until the time that a design flood is set up. The Board is an independent entity. Consensus of the Board is to submit a letter stating the Board, in its best interest wants to prevent building in the inundation zone and submit to MC P&Z, MC Commissioners, and SWC and record with Morton County. Tom Bair and Ron Sando will compile information and make the letter to send. The objective is to get the overlay in place for HL.
8. HL Stock Dam: Mgr. Wetsch, Tom Bair and Ron Sando will get paperwork together. The plans will need to be approved and will not exceed our cost.
9. Insurance/Audits: NDIRF will do all administrative work for the HUB Insurance to be our agent. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign the paperwork allowing HUB insurance to be our agent. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

Tom Bair will contact 3 different CPA agencies in Morton County to check on prices for completing the Boards audits.

10. LHWRD & MCWRD Boundaries: Andy Zachmeier reported that the last statement from LHWRD is they are waiting for a yes or no from MCWRD. The Board discussed the request of the Lower Heart Water Resource District to adjust the boundaries of the Morton County Water Resource District. The Board considered Section 61-16-06.1 of the Century Code which allows the adjustment of district boundaries by the state engineer upon petition of 50% or more of the landowners within the districts to be adjusted. It was the consensus of the board that upon receipt of such a petition from landowners, it would proceed with the statutory process for boundary modification.
11. Title 6 Compliance: Mgr. Wetsch attended the Title 6 conference in Minot. We need to set up a contract with DOT translation services. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to authorize signing of the contract with Linguistics Intl. Mgr. Engelhardt 2nd the motion. MCU.
12. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
1024	Bair Law Firm	\$1350.00	Legal Fees
1025	Comfort Inn	\$75.00	Room rent
1026	Ronald Sando	\$1787.50	Consultant fee
1027	VOID		
1028	Bruce Engelhardt	\$141.68	Meeting, mileage
1029	Tony Goetzfried	\$496.82	Payroll, mileage
1030	George Saxowsky	\$185.67	Meetings, mileage
1031	James Schmidt	\$141.18	Meetings, mileage
1032	James Wetsch	\$490.35	Meetings, mileage
1033	Brenda Winckler	\$1114.70	Salary, equip rent, Lunch & supplies
1034	Blue Sky Trail LLC	\$60900.00	1 st pmt new trail
1035	DBS Contracting	\$2300.00	Cement Work shelter
1036	ND Community Foundation	\$2400.00	Trail Mowing
1037	Wade Bachmeier	\$374.03	Meetings, mileage
EFT	IRS	\$553.24	Payroll tax

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.