

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

February 28, 2018

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on February 28, 2018 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jim Schmidt, Jamie Wetsch and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Craig Keidel, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, and Melissa Gordon.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Wetsch moved to approve the amended minutes from January 31, 2018. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that a copy is 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 \$152,802 and expenditures totaling \$123,168 of the MWWS for the month of January 2018. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz gave the following report to the Board: 2018 projects: Craig reported that they have installed new technology for mapping which will be done through the I Pad and go directly on the map for MWWS. They can edit it themselves without the use of Bartlett & West. Safety training has been held for the employees. Testing has been completed for Dusty & Hunter to be certified. Upcoming projects include cleaning and inspection of all 4 tanks. A Company from SD will do the inspecting. Above ground booster stations have had power outages and standby LP heaters will be installed for prevention of freeze ups from this. The new service vehicles should be delivered in March. Karen reported about 50% of the accounts do not have the AMRs. Mgr. Kemnitz discussed changing the policy to read that when changing from Ag to commercial or residential, a 40 ft. easement will be required for a utility corridor. Also to keep the 40 ft. easement in the 60 ft. setback.
5. State Water Comm. Update: Mgr. Schmidt reported that the Res. Trust Fund has \$1.9 million more than the forecasted prediction with the tobacco prediction of \$32 million dropping to \$8 million in 2018.
6. MC Parks: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve and authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign the agreement of repayment of \$25,000 cost share with MC Parks. MCU. Tim Nilsen reported the fencing cost for the HL project to be \$8025, which will use treated yellow pine. Product has been purchased from New Salem Farmers

Lumber and will include some extra posts and rails for future maintenance. They will also use Class 5 gravel on both parking lots at an estimate cost of \$1000.

7. Harmon Lake: Tony Goetzfried spoke to NRCS concerning haying at HL. Consensus of the Board is to allow Tony to check if we can obtain more land for an easement by the walking path to gain access in to do haying. Tony & Tim will do some research on entry areas and report back next month. Consensus of the Board is to proceed and suggested a 3 year contract and split land into 3 quadrants to be hayed. Melissa Gordon was present to show the Board her ideas on painting the tornado shelters at HL and Grainer. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to hire Melissa Gordon to paint the tornado shelter at HL with an exterior paint and a marine clear coat at a bid of \$1,441. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
8. Emergency Mgmt. Training exercise will be held at the courthouse in the Commission Room on March 23rd at 2pm. A tentative date for a scenario happening is scheduled for May 23rd at 6pm. The Huff Hills Search & Rescue will provide services for the Otter Creek Trail Run at Harmon Lake.
9. LHWD & MCWRD: Discussion was held concerning a merging of the 2 Water Boards in Morton County. The training school and east need to get a plan developed to get their land out of the flood plain.
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
5771	Bair Law Firm	\$1,125.00	Legal Fees
5772	MC Parks	\$50,000.00	Fish Creek Repair
5773	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$197.01	Meetings, mileage
5774	Tony Goetzfried	\$55.41	Payroll
5775	George Saxowsky	\$187.17	Meetings, mileage
5776	James E Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
5777	James R Wetsch	\$74.67	Meetings, mileage
5778	Brenda Winckler	\$1031.85	Salary, equip rent, lunch
EFT	IRS	\$324.98	Payroll tax
	Transf. Crown Butte Cking Acct	\$2,644.22	Feb tax transfer

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler Sec-Treas