

Morton County Water Resource District

Unapproved Minutes

February 23, 2022

1. The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, February 23, 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, Bryan Ziegler, Jack Fletcher, from Bartlett & West, Carrie Schaner, MWWS, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, George Saxowsky, Cody Schulz, Jeff Indovina, Erik Dietrich, Shawn Johnson, ND Parks and Rec, Tom Bair, Legal, Ron Sando via skype.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes from January 26, 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 monthly reports from January 2022. The Board reviewed the incomes, totaling \$108,767 and expenditures totaling \$138,452 of the MWWS of January 2022. Mgr. Kemnitz made the motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Mgr. Wetsch. MCU. 3 accounts are past due 60+ days, but each account is working on it. Carrie reported on the following: Premier Audio is working on a quote for the Board Room. Midco was selected for the internet carrier for the MWWS building. Mgr. Wetsch recommends a cyber security check on the system once network is set up. Lyons Road: SW Mandan, Karen and Mike drove the route and did a pole from the residents as to who would like service from MWWS. Preliminary results are 9 users are interested in pursuing the project. In our rules & reg, sign up rate is a structured rate, but the Board can change that for a new project. Cost estimate from B&W is \$1,899,800 for Areas 4, 5 and Lyons Road for this biennium for SWC grants. There is approximately 32 waiting users for the Junction Inn, SWPP area. Not a lot of interest in the Flasher area for sign ups. Pro: additional existence for water, reduces the demand from the City of Mandan, reduces demand on the system, it may also help the SWPP to complete the project, Con: cost of water compared to cost from City of Mandan, operational issues. Bryan recommends asking for 75 GPM for consideration in this project. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with developing the letter to requesting the 75 gpm. The Ft. Lincoln park storage would like to be increased, discussions have been held with Mgr. Garvie. This is a high request to increase storage and pressure at the Park. 2 fold request is for Engineers to come up with a solution for this and enter into a cost share project with ND Parks and Rec taking the remaining portion of payment from their ARPA funds which need to be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Cody Schulz would like to have the application in by the April 30th deadline. Mgr. Schmidt moved to authorize Mgr. to work with ND Parks & REC on developing engineering plans by and thru MWWS with ND Parks reimbursing MWWS and proceed with increasing water storage for the Ft. Lincoln Park area. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU.
5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported he completed a survey for the State of ND Parks and ND Comprehensive plan that specify needs and wants in all 8 regions. If it is a need in that

region, you are placed higher up in that thing you are applying for. The Park Board is working on a gift certificate for giving or selling for 1 night of camping at HL. HL is down about 7 feet so the Board will not open the gates to drain out from the bottom. Frontier Precision is willing to bring a crawler out to see if there are any leaks in the outlet pipe or slide gate.

6. HL EAP: Joel is gathering information and will get together with Ron Sando in April, to be completed by May.
7. USDA loans: Mgr. Kemnitz questioned if MWWS needs to continue the 1926B to eliminate all the additional paperwork that is now required to continue this loan. It could be paid off by other sources in MWWS. Tom Bair will check if that is needed to continue the state revolving loans.
8. MRJB Meeting: Meeting was held Tuesday, Feb 22nd. Resolution was made for the contributions to be used specifically for the project and not for general expenses, approved the work plan #9. Budget was approved, and if funding is approved from SWC, project could extend to 2025. Ken Royce will be the coordinator.
9. Next meeting date: March 23, 2022 at 10 am at the MWWS office.
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
CBL eft	Bank of ND	\$240.00	Bank Fee/Interest
1331	Bruce Engelhardt	\$585.72	Meetings, mileage
1332	Michael Kemnitz	\$920.87	Meetings, mileage
1333	James Schmidt	\$737.25	Meetings, mileage
1334	James Wetsch	\$882.00	Meetings, mileage, Reimbursements
1335	Brenda Winckler	\$1211.64	Salary, equip rent
1336	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$1570.88	Meetings
EFRT	IRS	\$1036.06	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.

