

UNAPPROVED

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on February 27, 2019 at the Missouri Room in the Comfort Inn, 1516 27th St. North, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Bruce Engelhardt, Jamie Wetsch, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Craig Keidel, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Ron Sando, via Skype, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, and Dan Masseth.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Wetsch moved to approve the amended minutes from January 30, 2019. Mgr. 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 \$163,149 and expenditures totaling \$123,635, of the MWWS for the month of January 2019. Mgr. Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Manager Kemnitz reported on the following items. A leak discovered SW of New Salem has been repaired. When a subdivision applies for water on the system, they fill out the Developers Application for Service as followed in the guidelines. The Board will approve or not approve and will send that in writing to the developer. The Board also reviewed the Summation of MWWS Status as of February 2019. Dan Masseth, Western Edge Residential developer was present to inquire on the MWWS water system enhancement on Hwy 25. Phase 1 of his development has 16 lots with 2 & 3 phases projected at a later date. Before further development, the 6 bulk users will need to have enough water for their areas before looking at future development. Bartlett & West study should be completed by the middle of March with final completion by end of March.
5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen discussed the use of sovereign lands. There are 4 designated areas as sovereign land. State Parks would like to create a road on a section line which was previously closed, to be built to the specs of the Highway Dept. The only change from the decision made 6 years ago is no motorized access on sovereign lands. There is currently not a lot of access to the Missouri River thru sovereign lands and feels more access would be beneficial. The Friends of the Rail Bridge are trying to save the bridge on LHWRD land. To convert that bridge to pedestrian the estimated cost is \$4-5 million, with approximately \$63,500/year maintenance. A BN representative stated they may not be able to keep it up due to the flood plain. The Parks & trail master plan has received 312 surveys, #1 response

is more hiking trails, #2 paved trails and #3 landscaped parks. The 4 favorite was a trail to connect Hwy 1806 trail to Harmon Lake. The survey broke the state into 8 regions. Our region would like to see non-motorized trails, swimming, picnic areas, and playground and open space areas. Tim recommends relooking at the HL masterplan and maybe looking ahead at changes according to the survey results and seeing what can be incorporated.

6. Flasher O&M: A Flasher homeowner has stated he is willing to cut the trees in the oxbow. Tony Goetzfried will contact both men who offered and make the decision. Ron Sando and Jim Schmidt will check on what legal obligations are required for that area.
7. LHWRD: LHWRD has approached Natalie, MC P&Z, to offer technical support concerning drawing up a new LH district boundary map for tax purposes. The main emphasis is to gain more tax funding for flood projects.
8. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch showed a map for 2 new extensions on the hiking biking trail. They are still waiting for a federal ID number before they can proceed with the trail extension.
9. Schwalbe Dam: 24 dams have been moved up on the hazard list including Schwalbe Dam. Ron Sando suggests due to change in hydrology changes may need to be made. SWC needs to come up with funding to help pay for the changes in hazard. This is ok for upcoming dams but not for the existing dams. Ron suggests holding a joint meeting with Oliver County and the SWC.
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch moved to close the 3 Wells Fargo accounts, Dam Site 6 Savings Account, Crown Butte Lagoon Checking Acct., and the MWRD Checking account and move them to Starion Financial. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
5910	VOID		
5911	MC Treasurer	\$363.39	Property tax WTR
5912	VOID		
5913	Bair Law Firm	\$1500.00	Legal Fees
5914	Deluxe Checks	\$251.28	Check blanks
5915	MC Highway	\$50.00	Approach permit
5916	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$75.00	Room Rental
5917	MWWS	\$40.00	WTR Water fee

5918	Wade Bachmeier	\$249.34	Meetings, mileage Convention registr.
5919	Bruce Engelhardt	\$141.67	Meetings, mileage
5920	Anthony Goetzfried	\$55.41	Payroll, mileage
5921	George Saxowsky	\$184.67	Meetings, mileage
5922	James Wetsch	\$74.67	Meeting
5923	Brenda Winckler	\$1028.32	Salary, equip rent, Lunch reimbursed
EFT	ND Tax Commission	\$22.00	State WH tax
EFT	IRS	\$333.32	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.