

February 26, 2020

Unapproved

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on February 26, 2020 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 Tom Bair, Karen Garvie, Bryan Ziegler, Roger Hille, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, Greg Sandness and Joe Nett, DEQ.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended minutes for the January 29, 2020 meeting. Manager Schmidt 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 \$150,815 and expenditures, totaling \$151,948 of the MWWS for the month of January 2020. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Saxowsky. MCU. Karen reported on the following items. MWWS has purchased enough meters to be able to install until the new meter system begins. New system is Smart Earth Technology. Rules and Regulations wordings were discussed. Karen recommended removing developer multi-unit. They will be treated the same as a standard user: until you pay a membership, you are not guaranteed water. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to remove Classes of Service Letter E; developers' multi-unit and allow staff to review and provide recommendations for new additions to the policy. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan Ziegler presented an update on the 2020 Projects. State Historical approved plans and bidding will be set for March 9th, 2pm at Barlett West. It can be approved contingent of DEQ approval. Project should begin in the spring with October 15th being the completion date. Ads will begin in February 27th papers and online. Fonzy paperwork has not been published but will be in the next week or 2. Karen has been working on easements. The loan application is complete. Bryan is working on breakdown for reimbursements submission for MWWS. Fireside Office Products can convert all documents to electronic but would like to look at the files first before giving a quote. Consensus of the Board is to allow Fireside to look at files to determine a quote. Mgr. Wetsch will work with Fireside.
5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen has hired Alex Molstead as Park Manager for MC. Tim gave a report on income and expense for 2019 for HL. Loss of \$7401 which was mostly

due to the Blue Algae scare. The loan payment for Fish Creek was approved for \$8333.33. Discussion was held concerning who should pay for the Trail mowing. MC Park is willing to assume the responsibility for the 2021 year but not 2020 since the budget has been finalized. Tim would also like to have the O&M Contract to be continuous instead of having to renew every year unless changes need to be made. The consensus of the Board is to do this. The Board maintains that we keep control of the land and leave the maintenance to the Parks. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve and sign the 2020 O&M Agreement with MC Parks. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and sign the 2020 Agreement with Paddle On. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Darrell Nodland sent Mgr. Wetsch a map of his proposed Frisbee Golf Course he would like to build at HL. He is hoping to fund the project all by grants and private donations without County dollars and will be maintained by interested participants. If funds are available, he would like to begin in 2020. Board would like him to come to the March meeting and present his project. Greg Sandness, DEQ was present to discuss the water sampling at HL. He encourages the Board to open up the flow valve on the bottom of the lake to help eliminate some of the nutrients on the bottom and hopefully break stratification in the spring. They may need to reintroduce oxygen into the environment twice a year. He suggests running off in March and April. Joe would take samples during the runoff and watch if it stratifies. If the water is running over the glory hole, he recommends opening bottom wide open to keep fresh in and let bottom out. The Board will contact Joe when the bottom is open so they can do lake and discharge samples. He also suggested to use the Resource Conservation Partnership Program to help with funding to do the watershed program.

6. Landeis Land: Landeis has concerns of water setting on their property. The City of Mandan took over the storm water management policies. The issue is a City not a Water Board issue. Chairman Bachmeier would like to solve the problem and bill the City of Mandan. Mgr. Schmidt moved to request a meeting with the City of Mandan officials to create a solution to this problem and include Marathon Oil in the discussion. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.

7. Financial Reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the 2019 Amended Budget for the MCWRD. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to pay \$20,000 towards the 2019 HL O&M Account at Dakota Community Bank. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
1090	Bair Law Firm	\$1450.00	Legal fees
1091	Comfort Inn	\$75.00	Room Rent
1092	Entzel Trucking	\$150.00	Willow Rd Rpr

1093	MRJB	\$1400.00	2020 Dues
1094	Dak Comm Bank	\$20000.00	2019 O&M Deposit
1095	MWWS	\$80.00	WTR Water Fee
1096	Wade Bachmeier	\$192.01	Meetings, mileage
1097	Bruce Engelhardt	\$141.67	Meetings, mileage
1098	George Saxowsky	\$187.17	Meetings, mileage
1099	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
1100	James Wetsch	\$98.67	Meetings, mileage
1101	Brenda Winckler	\$1047.70	Salary, equip rent Lunch reimbursed

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas

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