

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

February 22, 2017

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on February 22, 2017 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, Jamie Wetsch, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, MWWS, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Michelle Doyle, Paula Kvernum, Brandon Schaefer, NRCS, Mike Aubol, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, and Ron Sando, via Skype. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that copy to be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Counsel, Tom Bair.
3. MWWS: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$144,912 and expenditures totaling \$115,665 of the MWWS for the month of January 2017. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Manager Kemnitz reported that the new skid steer and snow thrower were delivered to MWWS at a cost of \$39,900 after trade in. The 2 new employees are working out well. Auditors will be at the office on the days of March 12-13th.
4. Zachmeier CAT: Tony Goetzfried and Don Entzel tried to close the Zachmeier CAT Weir box gate by the railroad trusses to eliminate water going over the road. There are some issues there that will need to be corrected. The water was also overflowing the road by Orr's. Tony will continue to watch these locations this spring. An engineer may be needed and a proposal made for the rehab of the structure by the weir box. Chairman Bachmeier will contact Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering to take a look at it.
5. Harmon Lake: Manager Bachmeier contacted Leingspang Additions concerning gaining access to HL through that development or purchasing a lot to do that. He was told lots were \$80,000. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to not purchase a lot at Leingspang Addition at the current asking price. MC unanimously. Tony purchased and installed a new battery in the UTV. The UTV needs new tires on the back. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to purchase 2 tires for the UTV. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Toman Engineering has requested a copy of the inundation map for a proposed subdivision. It still is unclear as to which scenario to use for the map. A meeting needs to be held with the SWC and State Conservationist. Ron Sando will draft a formal letter for a meeting to be held. Tom Bair drafted a notice stating landowners are on notice that they are in a flood plain. We need to record the notice now and can readjust the notice later. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to record the notice as a public record. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. A large number of cows are being fed on the north side of the dam. NRCS is monitoring the water from that drainage area. Chairman Bachmeier recommends sending a letter to the landowner stating that if the water quality is affected, the cost will come back

to the landowner. The major problem comes in the spring when manure spreading occurs. The Easement for the BEL kiosk has been signed. Game & Fish requested opening the valve at HL to let out dead water. A landowner contacted Chairman Bachmeier stating the water was pooling which was enlarging a wetland that may or may not have been there before. There is a conservation easement on that land from Wachters. We will need to get a permit from the COE to do a clean out of that land. Natalie Pierce, P&Z will recommend a 20 ft. easement on the south side of a new subdivision by HL to be used for emergency access.

6. Double Ditch Stabilization: Letters were sent asking for more documentation on the proposed project. The State Historical Society has pulled their request to do anything in the river by Double Ditch. The next step may be putting pillars in to hold the bank. Manager Wetsch moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign the updated response letter to Atwell. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC.
7. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported the RFP for the tornado shelter has been submitted. He received a call from someone who would like the parks to put a yurt at HL and rent it out. The Board requested Tim to get more information and report back to the Board. Tim is also looking into a kayak launching dock. ABC Boat Dock would like to set one up free of charge for a time at HL for people to try out. Tim will check on cost of these and report back to next meeting. Plans are being made to move additional trees at Harmon Lake at the proposed budget cost of \$10,000. There has been snowmobiling going on at HL. Tim will set up some guidelines for this.
8. NRCS: Brandon Schaefer was present to invite the Board to the 2017 Water Festival on April 11th at the Nazarene Church in Mandan and if anyone can volunteer to help it would be appreciated!! There will be a new watershed project at Danzig Dam and the Muddy River. TMDLs are completed. Michelle Doyle reported that NRCS will provide technical assistance for the Zachmeier CAT project but no funding is available. Paula Kvernum is setting up the MC project inspections for 2017.
9. Financials: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the final 2016 Amended Budget of MCWRD. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
5643	State of ND	\$20.00	State WH
5644	Bair Law Firm	\$2025.00	Legal Fees
5645	Wade Bachmeier	\$187.01	Meetings
5646	Tony Goetzfried	\$513.41	Payroll, battery Mileage
5647	George Saxowsky	\$187.17	Meetings, mileage
5648	James Wetsch	\$141.01	Meetings, mileage
5649	Brenda Winckler	\$975.74	Salary, equip rent Lunch
EFT	IRS	\$371.88	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.