

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

JANUARY 22, 2014

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10:00 AM, CT on January 22, 2014 at its offices at 2816 37th St, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, and Managers, George Saxowsky, Jamie Wetsch, and James Schmidt. Also present were Mike Kemnitz and Karen Brooks, MWWS, and Tom Bair, Ron Sando, via Skype, Tim Nilsen, MC Park, Tony Goetzfried, Project Manager, and MC Commissioner Andy Zachmeier. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2013. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes be filed with the secretary and that copies be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Council, Tom Bair.
3. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$166,100 and expenditures, totaling \$130,128 of the MWWS for the month of December 2013. Manager Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Manager Saxowsky. MC. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Funding for the 2014 projects will come out of the Building, Equipment and Extension Funds. Manager Saxowsky moved to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the following with the board: Discussion was held on check # 12975 to MC Highway for the 2nd payment of 3 for fuel not recognized by Morton County Highway as MWWS fuel for previous years. Water use from SWWA pledged was 11 million gallons short for 2013. 2014 will be closer. Mgr. Kemnitz explained that what was spent on water not used from SWWA was saved in electricity use. There were 40 new hookups in 2013. Mgr. Kemnitz discussed rate increases for 2014. Mgr. Wetsch moved to increase rate at 6 cents/1000 on residential and commercial accounts. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. Increase would average less than \$1/month for residential customers. Mgr. Schmidt moved to allow Mgr. Kemnitz to replace 2011 Chevy pickup for a new vehicle on his discretions for 2014. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC.
4. Reorganization of the Board: Chair was turned over to legal counsel Tom Bair. Tom opened up nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mgr. Schmidt nominated Wade Bachmeier for Chairman of the Board. Nominations ceased. Mgr. Schmidt moved to cast unanimous vote for Wade Bachmeier as Chairman of the Board. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. Chair was turned over to Bachmeier. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to nominate Jim Schmidt for Vice Chairman. Nominations ceased. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to cast unanimous vote for Jim Schmidt as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Wetsch moved to appoint Brenda Winckler as Secretary-Treasurer. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC.
5. Project Manager: After running an ad, 3 applicants were received for the p/t MC Project Coordinator position. Based on his vast amount of experience and knowledge of Morton County projects, Mgr. Saxowsky moved to offer Tony Goetzfried the Project Coordinator position. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Schmidt moved to pay project coordinator \$20/hour or a minimum of \$50 per event as well as mileage at the state rate. Mgr.

Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. Tony Goetzfried accepted the position. Tom Bair will notify other applicants of this decision.

6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen brought the signed 2014 O&M Agreement from MC Parks. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to sign the agreement. Voting results: Wetsch abstained due to MCP position, Saxowsky: yes, Schmidt: yes, Bachmeier: yes. MC. Tim also reported the 4 wheeler signs were posted with no issues so far. Kevin Werchau was hired for MC Park Foreman.
7. State Historical Society: Mgr. Saxowsky and Goetzfried did an inventory on cannonballs at HL. There are 32 remaining. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to allow SHC to have 17 cannonballs and the glacial eradicates they want. If the cannonballs break upon removal they won't get more. MC. A MCWRD manager will be present when they remove them.
8. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch is applying for an additional 4 miles trail grant. Mgr. Schmidt moved to make a resolution to pledge the 20% matching funds for the trail extension. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Wetsch requested that the board allow him to have a non compensated technical advisor help with this project. Mgr. Wetsch moved to have Dennis Kemmesat be the non compensated technical advisor for the Hiking/Biking Trail Project. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC.
9. Railroad Crossing at SB Diversion: Mgr. Bachmeier was notified that BN would like to remove the crossing at the Square Butte Diversion. The Board needs to protest this as the crossing is critical for repairs and projects at the SB Diversion. Tom Bair will check if there is any land rights in the file concerning this crossing.
10. Hebron Floodway Cleanup: Mgr. Saxowsky reported the City of Hebron has not yet received permission from COE for riprap of this project and the snagging and clearing has not been completed. The Board requested a progress report from Mgr. Saxowsky in June to determine if they will aid in this project.
11. Financial Report: Mgr. Schmidt moved to accept the adjusted 2013 Budget. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MC.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
EFT	Mor Gran Sou	\$57.12	Electricity at HL
5274	ND Insurance Dept	\$21.97	Shelter insurance
5275	Safe Deposit Oper.	\$55.00	Safe Deposit Fee
5276	Bair Law Firm	\$1510.50	Legal Fees
5277	Wade Bachmeier	\$124.67	Meetings
5278	George Saxowsky	\$184.67	Meetings/mileage
5279	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings/mileage
5280	James Wetsch	\$311.68	Meetings
5281	Brenda Winckler	\$806.06	Salary, equip rent
Eft	IRS	\$274.50	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.