

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

June 28, 2023

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, Jim Schmidt, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Tom Bair, Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z, Jesse Kist, Abe Ulmer, Jesse Hehr, Dan Dorfschmidt, Dennis Markel, and Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner,
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the May 31, 2023 minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Karen reported on the following items: Monthly reports were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$182,419 and expenditures totaling \$228,769 of the MWWS for the month of May 2023. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve the income and expenditures for the month of May and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Bid opening on June 6<sup>th</sup>, with 1 bid, Base bid, and alternate bid, based on if they use PVC or poly. Benefit of poly, as they fuse it, it becomes 1 pipe. Carstensen Contracting Inc. from Dell Rapids, SD submitted a bid for PVC of \$3,671,202, \$3,127,077 using poly. Bartlett and West did a corrected bid due to math error which was \$3,221,802 for the PVC pipe. Less than 20 miles combined between the 2 schedules. Based on Manager and the Engineer recommendations, Mgr. Kemnitz moved to accept the Notice of reward for the poly bid @ \$3,127,077 from Carstensen Contracting Inc., Dell Rapids, SD. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Could possibly begin in September as all easements have been completed. Cost share amendment for the south Mandan Expansion project was approved by the DWR at 75-25 at total cost share up to \$2,895,000. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign the cost share agreement. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Need to update the engineering process and sign a new agreement with Bartlett & West. Mgr. Engelhardt would like to table until next meeting, pending approval from Tom Bair. Mor Gran Sou annual meeting is upcoming and Mgr. Kemnitz moved to authorize Mgr. Garvie to attend and vote representing MWWS. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Meter replacements completed for the month are 93. Up to 750, with 2200 meters to be completed. Dan Dorfschmidt asked the MWWS what fiscally changed that allowed the water to be given to Honey Hill Estates 1 & 2. Bryan replied as the hydrology model shows, the system can handle this. Jesse Hehr asked if any ground truthing has been done. Mgr. Kemnitz stated the MWWS will not compensate for pex pipe. Natalie replied at the last P&Z meeting that Honey Hill Estate 1&2, storm water management was presented and if any concerns from the MCWRD that they would please reply back to P&Z before the next meeting. Jess Kist reported on comments made to Natalie and Abe, ILSE Inc. They are working thru the comments from Jesse and from ND DOT. Plan is to mitigate and send back to P&Z. Won't be done until mid July. Would like to get an approval from MCWRD per Jesse's report. It is not a requirement for the Board to provide a comment, just would like their input. 2 comments that Jesse needs to address, deals with water once it crosses the railroad and County

requirements are pre vs. post flows. There is no defined flow path. Whose responsibility is it?? It is subject to the County standards, this is more a localized issue but still needs to be addressed. Honey Hills 1<sup>st</sup>, single storm water pond, drainage easement from main flow to Shaw Drive, is not a law or requirement, it is a good practice that water fans out but is condensed in a flow pattern. If you have an easement, states flow is there and can be confined to that drainage easement. Jesse doesn't feel they need an easement just need to meet rate control standards and reduce flow thru the ponds. This Board concurs with Jesse Kist comments regarding the storm water management on Honey Hills 1&2.

5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported: Doosan Bobcat prepared dirt for the next shelter to be built down by the beach. Sand was pulled back from the lake to add additional beach sand, leveled and wall was built. Block and materials will be paid by the Board. Discussion was held for extending the beach and maybe a parking lot on west side of the current beach and parking lot. Tim will work on it and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Tim has a counter and will put out at HL. HL had an issue with a drone. The MC Parks are currently working on a drone policy. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with what MC Park does. Last week Harmon and Crown Butte and Sweetbriar were tested for blue algae which are all in at low toxins. Last month \$11,800 for HL, season to date: \$16,000. Last year: \$11,002.

6. Budget 2024: Discussion on pending budget. Chairman Bachmeier reported he would like to start an acquisition reserve fund, so in the case of acquiring the land downstream to prevent building, we have some funds available. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the preliminary 2024 budget and present to MC Commission. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU.
7. Insurance: Tom Bair discussed liability insurance for the Board: the limit of coverage has a statutory limit. Should we have more?? Does it take the legal fees out of that limit? Director and officers insurance, covered by current insurance of \$250,000. Will report back at next meeting on a quote for that.
8. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.

<b>CK#</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>MEMO:</b>
1455	Bruce Engelhardt	\$299.79	Meetings, mileage
1456	Michael Kemnitz	\$317.43	Meetings, mileage
1457	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1458	James Wetsch	\$684.85	Meetings, mileage
1459	Brenda Winckler	\$1454.41	Salary, equip rent, lunch
1460	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$436.36	Meetings
EFT	IRS	\$667.02	Payroll taxes
1461	Bair Law Firm	\$585.00	Legal Fees
1462	HUB International	\$208.00	Property Insurance
1463	Ronald Sando	\$770.00	Consultant Fee

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

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Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

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Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.