

UNAPPROVED

JANUARY 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 January 30, 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, Paula Kvernum, NRCS, and Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Manager Bachmeier officially welcomed new Board Member Bruce Engelhardt. Minutes: Manager Wetsch moved to approve the minutes from November 28, 2018. 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. Reorganization of the Board: Tom Bair opened nominations for the Chairman of the Board. Mgr. Saxowsky nominated Wade Bachmeier for Chairman. Mgr. Wetsch moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous motion for Wade Bachmeier. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Meeting was turned over to Chairman Bachmeier. Mgr. Saxowsky nominated Jamie Wetsch for Vice Chairman. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous motion for Jamie Wetsch as Vice Chairman. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to appoint Brenda Winckler as Secretary-Treasurer for MCWRD. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to accept the 11 month contract for the Missouri Room at the Comfort Inn, Mandan for our meeting location. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.
5. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$132,997 and expenditures totaling \$120,842, of the MWWS for the month of November 2018, and the income, totaling \$201,392 and expenditures, totaling \$133,737 of the MWWS for the month of December 2018. Mgr. Wetsch made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the quarterly reports. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to accept the 4th quarter reports. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the following with the Board: MGS has refused to accept the sales offer that included the lot purchased by MWWS. Tom Bair drew up a new offer which includes a closing date by 2021. Discussion was held concerning building new on the lot owned verses this building. Mgr. Kemnitz recommends accepting the offer from MGS. Mgr. Engelhardt also recommends keeping the purchased lot as a backup until the final move is complete. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to accept the \$1.1 million agreement and authorize Mgr. Kemnitz to sign agreement upon legal approval. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Rate

increases were discussed. Based on the next 5 year projects to be completed, Tank recoating, SCADA system update, upgrading meter heads to self-reading for our own system which is currently shared with MGS, Mgr. Kemnitz suggests increasing base fee \$5. This would help to pay for projects and improve our reserves. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to increase base fee to \$40 and increase water rate by \$.40. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reported YTD water losses were less than 3%.

6. MC P&Z: Natalie Pierce passed out paperwork to add to the MC Land Use code documentation of availability for potable water. This is additional documentation for contractors that must be met for subdivisions of 3 or more lots. Board recommends an addition to #2 to include measure of flow rate with drawdown. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with the addition to the Land use code.
7. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen presented the 2018 Budget report for the Season at HL. There will not be any changes to the camping fees. They will remain \$20/night electric, and \$10/night primitive, with the reserved shelter being \$80/night for 5 campers. MC Highway reported that they will place a counter on the entrance road at HL next spring. Tim reported that the payment of \$8333.33 for Fish Creek will be completed this week. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to accept the 2019 O&M Agreement with Morton County Parks under the same terms as 2018. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to accept the 2019 Agreement with Paddle On under the same terms and conditions as 2018. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Tony Goetzfried reported that the MC Highway has committed to haul the black dirt from the spoil pile to fill in selected spots. MC Parks held a committee meeting to update the Parks Master plan. The public has expressed that they would like to have horseback access at HL, but Mgr. Wetsch and Tony Goetzfried responded that the action will not be negotiable. As to other projects at HL, the Board would like MC to do a survey and base our projects on what else the public would like there.
8. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch reported that the trail expansion project for 2019 is currently on hold due to the shutdown of the govt. The state level approvals are ready to go, just waiting for the Federal approved project # to begin bidding.
9. MC O&M: Paula Kvernum was present to discuss the Flasher Flood Control: She received a letter stating the 25 year O&M has passed and NRCS will not help with that project. The oxbow at Flasher was mitigation land, so Paula will find out what we can do there. Brandon Schaefer is still interested in cutting down the trees but may need 2 years to complete it. Paula reported the landowner near the oxbow would cut the trees down in the diversion and the rip rap area. Tony Goetzfried will contact him. Tony will also contact Brent Ternes regarding spraying at Flasher.
10. Tokach Timber haven: Chairman Bachmeier and Tom Bair spoke to Ron Tokach concerning the erosion taking place at Tokach Timber haven. Chairman Bachmeier would like to find

the cost of approximately 1500 feet of rip rap and what the cost of assessments would be the landowners to do this project. COE may have funds for an erosion buyout.

11. Orr Road: When the drainage project at Zachmeier CAT was completed, the contractor left dirt on the road. Gravel was put down but landowners complained the road was still bad. Morton County Highway placed 3 more loads of gravel on that location to improve it.
12. Financial Reports: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to pay the MRJB 2019 dues and to contribute \$1000 to the MRRIC project. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the amended 2018 Budget for the MCWRD. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. MC Land taxes are due to be paid on February 15th. The Board asked Sec-Treas. Winckler to inquire with the MC Treasurer concerning tax exempt status on that lot before paying it. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU

| <u>CK#</u> | <u>NAME:</u> | <u>AMOUNT:</u> | <u>MEMO:</u> |
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| 5893 | ND Tax Comm. | \$22.00 | State WH tax |
| 5894 | Bair Law Firm | \$750.00 | Legal Fee |
| 5895 | Comfort Inn & Suites | \$75.00 | Meeting Rent |
| 5896 | Houston Engineering | \$1377.75 | Dam Inundation |
| 5897 | VOID | | |
| 5898 | ND Water Res | \$675.00 | 2019 Dues |
| 5899 | ND Water Users | \$300.00 | 2019 Dues |
| 5900 | Wells Fargo Bank | \$55.00 | Safe Deposit Rent |
| 5901 | ND Water Res | \$200.00 | Lunch ½ Bill |
| 5902 | MRJB | \$2000.00 | 2019 Dues & MRRIC |
| 5903 | MWWS | \$70.00 | WTR Water Fee |
| 5904 | Wade Bachmeier | \$708.69 | Meetings, Mileage Convention registr. |
| 5905 | Bruce Engelhardt | \$142.67 | Meetings, mileage |
| 5906 | George Saxowsky | \$187.17 | Meetings, mileage |
| 5907 | James Wetsch | \$399.18 | Meetings, mileage Convention Registr. |
| 5908 | Brenda Winckler | \$955.59 | Salary, equip rent |
| 5909 | Tony Goetzfried | \$115.32 | Meetings, mileage |

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.

