

Morton County Water Resource District

Unapproved minutes

January 26, 2022

The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at the Missouri West Water System office at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.

The following were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Managers Jamie Wetsch, Mike Kemnitz, Bruce Engelhardt, and James Schmidt, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Joel Rostberg, MC Emergency Mgmt., Tom, Bair, Legal Counsel, and Ron Sando, via skype.

1. Reorganization of the Board: Chair was turned over to Tom Bair, Nominations for Chairman: Mgr. Wetsch moved to nominate Wade Bachmeier as Chairman with nominations closed. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to cast a unanimous vote for Wade Bachmeier as Chairman of the MCWRD. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. The Chair was returned to Bachmeier. Mgr. Schmidt moved to nominate Jamie Wetsch as Vice Chair of the MCWRD with nominations closed. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to cast a unanimous vote for Jamie Wetsch for the Vice Chair of the MCWRD. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to appoint Brenda Winckler as Secretary-Treasurer for the MCWRD. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to increase the salary for the Sec-Treas. to \$1325/month. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU. Portfolios for the MCWRD: MWWS to Mgr. Kemnitz, Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch, Legislature: Mgr. Schmidt, Engineering: Mgr. Engelhardt. Based on Legal advice, Mgr. Wetsch moved to increase pay per diem to the approved state rate of \$189. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. Schmidt: yes, Wetsch: yes, Engelhardt: yes, Kemnitz: yes, Bachmeier: yes. Motion carried.
2. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes from December 1, 2021 and the Special Meeting from January 10, 2022. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested the minutes be send to Legal Counsel, the County Auditor, and the SWC.
3. MWWS: The Board reviewed the monthly reports from November/December 2021. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$193,662, and the expenditures, totaling \$199,731 of the MWWS for the month of November and income totaling \$332,081 and expenditures of \$201,902 for the month of December 2021. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Discussion was held on updates

in the future for the MWWS building. Consensus of the Board is to have MCWRD purchase the audio/video system for the conference room and have it set up by MWWS. Water rates were discussed. Current rate for residential use is \$6.19 and the recommendation from Mgr. Garvie is to increase it by \$.10 to \$6.29 and the bulk users currently at \$4.90 be raised to \$5.00. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve the Manager's recommendation of increasing the rates by \$.10/1000 gallons for the year 2022. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reported they will move the MWWS phone system to BEK Communications to separate them from Mor Gran Sou. The Company who does the bulk mailing of the MWWS bills will no longer handle post cards so the billing will now be paper /envelope and will be done by Presort. Water Mgmt. Meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday. Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West gave an update on the 2022 pipeline construction. He does not foresee any relief or reductions in the prices for 2022. Pipe estimates are \$10/foot which also may increase the engineering costs.

4. Mgr. Schmidt reported on State Water funds and projects. MWWS has no projects for 2022, but research is being done on the Lyons Road project on Hwy 1806 and South and SW Mandan improvement area. Mgr. Engelhardt reported the SWA expansion called the Hebron-Burt expansion could also include the Carson/Flasher area. He encourages the Managers of both SWA and MWWS and engineers to have conversations on what can be possible for interconnects. The SWA deadline is April 1st for hookups.
5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported on the 2021 season for HL. Revenues for 2021 were \$32,630 and expenses were \$38,103 causing a shortfall of \$5473. A donation of \$5,000 was made by Seafoam Co. for the trail maintenance. The CEO lives in Bismarck and is a regular trailer user. The groomed trails have been well used this winter, even by skiers. Tim ordered a vehicle counter to be placed at HL for 2022.
6. MC Emergency Mgmt. Joel Rostberg was present to discuss updating the Emergency Action Plan for HL. Joel and Ron Sando have updated the binder and would like Board Members to bring their binders to the next meeting so they can be updated. The Board suggested that the binder be put in electronic form, so it is easily accessible for them. A plan for a Fall tabletop scenario meeting is in the works. Chairman Bachmeier received the annual operating plan for Dam Site 6. He will fill it out and send back to SWC.
7. MRJB: The Board approved to pay \$5,000 towards the MRJB. More clarifications are needed on the changes and will present the final program and new coordinator at the next meeting. There is a lot of support for this project which will have 3 options: 1 year, 15 months, or Biennium.

8. Financial Reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended 2021 Budget for the MCWRD. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
1315	Entzel Trucking	\$1375.00	HL Maintenance
1316	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$321.68	Meetings
1317	Bruce Engelhardt	\$256.45	Meetings, mileage
1318	Michael Kemnitz	\$390.82	Meetings, mileage
1319	James Schmidt	\$143.15	Meetings, mileage
1320	James Wetsch	\$332.98	Meetings, mileage
1321	Brenda Winckler	\$1108.59	Salary, equip rent, Lunch reimbursed
E-pay	IRS	\$445.02	Payroll tax
1322	MRJB	\$10,000.00	MR Coordinator
1323	Bair Law Firm	\$2200.00	Legal Fees
1324	MWWS	\$261.90	Water Fees HL
1325	ND Water Res Dist	\$675.00	Dues
1326	ND Water Users Assn.	\$300.00	Dues
1327	Safe Deposit Box	\$55.00	Wells Fargo Safe box
1328	KWR Associates LLC	\$2500.00	MR Coordinator
1329	ND Water Education	\$5.00	ND Water Book
1330	ND Water Resources	\$30.00	Handbook for Mike

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.