

Unapproved
MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

January 25, 2023

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Missouri West Water office at 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas, Managers: Jamie Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, James Schmidt, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Jesse Kist, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, Joel Rostenburg, MC Emergency Plan, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Julie Ellingson, ND Water User Assn., Tom Bair, Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z, John Wirrius, Engineer with KLJ. Guests included: Rory Schlosser, Cody Fleck, Douglas Nagel, Ron Balkowitsch, Bill Baer, Daniel Viga, Brad Balerud, Randy Rhone, Abe Ulmer, Duane Urlacher, Dustin Beilke, Jesse Hehr, Dan Dorfschmidt, Ashley Turner, Cal Nelson, and Karen Fleck.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended November 30th minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Karen reported on the following items: Monthly reports were reviewed the income, totaling \$176,082 and expenditures, totaling \$176,424 of the MWWS for the month of November, 2022. And income totaling \$304,788 and expenditures totaling, \$266,538, of the MWWS for the month of December 2022. Mgr. Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Mgr. Wetsch. MCU. Proposed Honey Hills Subdivision: With 57 direct connects requesting water, MWWS cannot support that without affecting our other users at this time. Met with developers considering increasing lot sizes to reduce lot numbers, include a storage tank at the developers cost, any costs will be born by the developer requesting this. By virtue of other landowners in that area, concern is how much more will be developed. Mgr. Kemnitz reported the discussion of storage tanks, cost, and engineering needed to develop this. Concern is peak times of usage; design is to have 100#s pressure, houses set at 45#. The Board feels we cannot supply at this time and cannot build on speculation. Mgr. Kemnitz moved due to the inability to supply 57 direct connects, we cannot supply 57 direct connects at this time. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. The subdivision will go to P&Z for preliminary approval this week. Mgr. Garvie needs approval for request for engineering for Lyons Roads project, the only applicant was Bartlett and West. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve Bartlett & West for the engineering selection. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Rates for 2023: City of Mandan increased water fee by 3% and SWA increased by 4% which is \$.23. Mgr. Garvie requests increase for water from \$6.29 to \$6.59 per 1000 gallons and from \$5 to \$5.30 for commercial users to cover increased costs. Base fee will remain the same. Mgr. Schmidt moved to increase fee as requested by Mgr. Garvie and keep the base fee as is for 2023. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt discussed water topics at the State Legislature.
5. Julie Ellington, ND Water Users Assn. was present to ask for ideas or projects to be included in this year's water tour. Dates for the tour will be determined. Suggestions for the tour included irrigation at Price Ranch or Chuck Mork, erosion along the MR, urban development on Mandan, Cross Ranch, bank stabilization structure, refinery visit, and the new Mandan intake location.

Also suggested the new railroad bridge location. Julie will make inquiries. Chairman Bachmeier will be Julie's contract.

6. Reorganization of the Board: MC Commissioner Zachmeier took the Chair for the Reorganization of the Board: Andy Zachmeier opened the floor for the position of Chairman of the Board: Mgr. Wetsch moved to appoint Wade Bachmeier, Mgr. Schmidt 2nd the motion and vote that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Bachmeier. MCU. Nominations for Vice Chair: Schmidt moved to nominate Wetsch for Vice Chair. Engelhardt 2nd the motion, and vote nominations cease. MCU. Chair turned back to Bachmeier: Nominations for Sec Treas. Wetsch moved and Schmidt seconded to nominate Brenda Wincker. Engelhardt moved to cease nomination and cast unanimous vote for Brenda Winckler. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
7. Dam Safety Meeting: Mgr. Engelhardt attended the seminar and was very informative. Will be available to watch.
8. Bank Stabilization, Car Body area: Jesse Kist, AE2S, brought a draft showing where bank armoring focus area will be approximately 1700 feet of the bank at a cost estimate of \$3,805,000. Land is owned by the ND DOT where project could be. DWR would be mostly used for the rip rap only. Tim Nilsen reported that toilet vaults may have to use the Outdoor Heritage for grants for those. The boat ramp if built is tied in with this study. Jesse would like direction as to how he proceeds. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to take no further action at this time and have AE2S provide documentation and project be suspended. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
9. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported camping fees have been raised to \$25 electric, \$15 for primitive. Should increase \$8550 for HL per last year's income. Last time price was increased was 2017. Interest on putting a shelter down at the beach, material and cement estimate was \$13,770, with the Park Board employees doing the labor. Consensus of Board is to proceed. Mgr. Engelhardt would like to visit the culvert at HL to make sure it isn't frozen tight so it is able to discharge. Tim will check with G&F concerning closing fishing when time comes to drain some of the dam.
10. MC EAP for HL: Joel Rostenberg was present to discuss time for the tabletop meeting. Time frame from 10:30 to 4:30. Could be up to 27 attendees. Meeting will be held at the Mandan Rural Fire Dept. Mandan, on February 22, 2023. Consensus was made to continue meeting date and begin at 9am at the MWWS office.
11. HL Dam Inundation: Natalie Pearce was present to discuss DWR response for the HL Dam Inundation. DWR used the Sunny day failure. They did not give any authority to or not to build at the existing locations in the inundation zone. Due to no guidance from DWR, Natalie would approve extending the moratorium. Mgr. Wetsch moved to ratify request to extend the moratorium for 2 years. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU.
12. Mandan Regional Airport: John Wirrius, KLJ was present to request subsurface drainage at the Mandan Regional airport to a natural drainage area to eliminate water fowl. Intent is to pump under the highway to the west side following the natural waterway. An 8 inch pipe will be installed draining roughly 3 acres of land using drain tiling approximately 1 CFS of the surface water will use the 24 inch culvert. Pump will not increase flows but to be used after the rain.

ND DOT requires that the MCWRD has looked at the plan, so they are requesting our input on the project. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to sign the Request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way project for Mandan Airport. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

13. Financial Reports: 2022 Amended Budget: Mgr. Wetsch moved and Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the Amended 2022 Budget. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr Engelhardt moved to send \$500 to the MRRIC and to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU. Mgr Schmidt moved to increase Brenda salary to \$1431 per month based on previous year cola of 8%. Mgr. Kemnitz 2nd. MCU. Consensus of Board is we can throw the printer copier away.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1410	Bair Law Firm	\$400.00	Legal Fees
1411	Bruce Engelhardt	\$191.34	Meetings, mileage
1412	Michael Kemnitz	\$648.17	Meetings, mileage
1413	James Schmidt	\$1471.57	Meetings, mileage, Motel
1414	James Wetsch	\$645.27	Meetings, mileage, Otter sled, hitch
1415	Brenda Winckler	\$1211.63	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$722.76	Payroll taxes
1416	ND Tax Commission	\$37.00	ND Withholding tax
1417	Bair Law Firm	\$765.00	Legal Fee
1418	MRJB	\$1400.00	2023 Dues
1419	Safe Deposit Box Operation	\$55.00	Safe Deposit Rent
1420	MWWS	\$262.90	HL Pasture Tap water

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.