

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

JANUARY 28, 2015

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on January 28, 2014 at the MC Highway Shop at 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, George Saxowsky and James Schmidt. Also present were Mike Kemnitz, MWWS, Daniel Nairn, Joe Stegmiller, Tony Goetzfried, Project Coordinator, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Ron Sando via Skype, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, and Andy Zachmeier, Morton County Commissioner. Also present were Joel Rostberg and Tom Doering, Emergency Mgmt. Services.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the November 26, 2014 minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that copy to be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Council, Tom Bair.
4. Reorganization of the Board: Chair was turned over to Sec Winckler at this time. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to elect Mr. Bachmeier as Chairman. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to cast a unanimous vote for Bachmeier as Chairman. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. Chair was then turned to Bachmeier. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to nominate Mgr. Wetsch as Vice Chairman. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to cast a unanimous vote for Wetsch as Vice Chairman. MC. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to appoint Brenda Winckler as Secretary-Treasurer. MC.
5. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$221,043 and expenditures, totaling \$318,357, of the MWWS for the month of November 2014, and \$404,422 income and \$593,440 expenditures for the month of December 2014. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Manager Wetsch. MC. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the following with the Board: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the 2015 Budget and submit to USDA. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to add Tyrell Schulz and Craig Keidel to the list of names authorized to use the credit card. MC. Mgr. Kemnitz told the Board that options for moving the USDA loans included: interest rates up to 5% and Starion had a balloon payment after 5 years. Co Bank had huge upfront fees. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to allow Mgr. Kemnitz to inform USDA that research was done on other loan options and request an application for municipal funding from the Health extension. MC. Discussion was held concerning office work hours for MWWS. Due to 1 person staff, the hours may be shortened. MWWS will pay SWWA \$51,000 for water not used in 2014, but the payment will be made in 3 installments. Water loss for 2014 was at 9%. 2014 water projects totaled \$1.378 million of which \$776,000 was paid by SWWC and \$602,000 from MWWS. 22 accounts, 10 p-taps and 12 residential were added to MWWS due to 2014 projects, but a total of 60 accounts, 11 p-taps and 27 residential were added to MWWS in 2014. Mgr. Kemnitz recommended a rate adjustment for bulk users from \$3.75 to \$3.90 and for residential users from \$4.95 to \$5.15/1000 gal, due to SWWA increase from \$3.61 to \$3.94, which is 1/3 of our service plus normal inflation. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to

- approve the rate increases for 2015. MC. The City of Mandan is continuing to do meter change outs at no cost to MWWS.
6. Utility corridors: Darin Nairn was present to discuss the utility corridors for P&Z. A public hearing is scheduled to decrease corridor width to 20 ft. A 6-2 vote from P&Z was in favor of the 20 ft corridor. The attorney from Freeway 147 claims all other counties have 10-20 ft. easements and Morton County is in excess. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to recommend to MC P&Z to remain at a 40 ft. utility easement on new formally unplatted developments. MC unanimously.
  7. Session Updates: Mgr. Schmidt reported to the board on the rural water policy. It was not favorable to rural water and the committee recommended making grants at 75% state, 25% local but was told the Gov. would veto that so policy will continue as it is for the next 2 years. Update on the Steiner Bill: Gov. Dalrymple amended the bill. It will be presented and the Gov. Office will present the amendments to the bill. Consensus of the board is to approve the bill with the amendments. The Gov. Amendments will change the makeup of the board.
  8. Dam Break Inundation Zone: Daniel Nairn presented amendments for HL for the dam break inundation zone. NRCS said in order for dam to be non hazard it can put no one in danger. Anyone who wants to build will need a special use permit. If SWC reclassifies HL as a hi-hazard dam, the county may be responsible for all funding. EMP would determine who could do that. The Board recommended that Daniel meet with SWC to see what we could do to remain a medium hazard dam. Concerns of residents that are grandfathered in and want to change their residency, how would this affect them?? If they get a special needs permit, would it increase our chance of becoming hi-hazard?? The Board recommends that all "new" developments need a special permit but not the grandfathered in residents. Consensus of the Board is to have revisions changed to include exempt existing subdivided lots and add history to make SWC aware of why we want this done. Daniel will email the Board the revisions. Updates made to include 32 properties to the EAP on Harmon Lake. A rural household survey was completed in Morton County with 370 responses. 72% were on rural water, 4% municipal water, and 18% were wells, 6% would like to have rural water. Morton County has a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA to include hazard mitigation projects. It is approved but no money available until a Presidential Disaster has been proclaimed.
  9. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported on the Income & Expenses on HL for 2014. The campgrounds have been reserved on 7/11 for a race. The Board will let MC Parks make all decisions on reserving camping spots. MCWRD received a \$150,000 grant with a \$50,000 match from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund for additional camper pads. Tim will get rough estimates for both prospective locations for the camper pads and bring to the Feb. meeting. Karla Gunderson requested time at the meeting to discuss horseback riding at HL. She will be scheduled for the March meeting to discuss this with the Board. The Board discussed turning the rental pasture into horseback riding but was tabled until March.
  10. Joe Stegmiller reported on requests on 14-15 acre ranchettes north of Harmon Lake. They are concerned with water quality issues if these go through.
  11. Multi-Use Building: Discussion from the Board is for each member to bring ideas for architects' names who could build the Multi-use building. An RFP was received from Paddle On for the equipment rental at HL. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to authorize Tom Bair and Mgr. Wetsch to meet with them to discuss this and have them attend the next meeting. MC.
  12. Financial Reports: Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve the Amended 2014 Budget for MCWRD. MC. Mgr. Wetsch moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to reimburse Brenda Winckler 1/3 of the QuickBooks Payroll update for 2015 totaling

\$203.62. MC. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers: MC.

<b><i>CK#</i></b>	<b><i>NAME:</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT:</i></b>	<b><i>MEMO:</i></b>
EFT	Mor Gran Sou	\$97.34	Electricity at HL
5400	Bair Law Firm	\$1577.00	Legal Fees
5401	Frontier Precision	\$765.00	Trimble software update
5402	Lillis Electric	\$6095.00	Balance of HL Campground
5403	VOID		
5404	Ronald Sando	\$1787.50	Consultant Fees
5405	Wells Fargo	\$55.00	Safe Deposit Fee
5406	MWWS	\$772.89	Water at HL
5407	Bank of North Dakota	\$1785.00	Interest/Admin Fee
5408	Beaver Creek Archaeology	\$2000.00	Cultural Resource/Bike Trail
5409	ND Water Resource	\$475.00	2015 Dues
5410	ND Water Users	\$300.00	2015 Dues
5411	Wade Bachmeier	\$736.02	Meetings/Conv. Registration
5412	Tony Goetzfried	\$55.41	Proj. Coordinator Fees
5413	George Saxowsky	\$184.67	Meetings/mileage
5414	James Wetsch	\$492.02	Meetings/Conv. Registration
5415	Brenda Winckler	\$1059.68	Salary, equip rent/postage, QB
			Payroll update
EFT	IRS	\$344.64	Payroll taxes

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

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Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

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Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas