

**January 29, 2020**

**Unapproved**

**MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on January 29, 2020 at the Missouri Room in the Comfort Inn Suites, 1516 27<sup>th</sup> St. No., Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, George Saxowsky and Jim Schmidt. Also present were Tom Bair, Mike Kemnitz, Karen Garvie, Craig Tokach, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Laura Horner, State Rick Map Coordinator, Jackie Buckley, Chuck Mork, Dennis Reep, Harvey Schneider, Karley, Aaron Gronseth, Chad Zapzalka, MCSCD, and Ron Sando, Via Skype.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the minutes for the November20, 2019 meeting. Manager Schmidt 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. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$148,447 and expenditures, totaling \$104,751 of the MWWS for the month of November 2019 and income totaling \$243,446 and expenditures totaling \$132,547 for the month of December. Mgr. Engelhardt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed with the YTD water loss at 2.6%. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Discussion was held on the 2020 water rates. SWA increased our cost of water by \$.27per 1000. Mgr. Saxowsky moved due to the increase of expansions and projects to increase residential and bulk rates by \$.20 per 1000 gal. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Project updates: Barlett & West received the archeology reports and are working on the loan application hoping to get the paperwork to Karen soon. They are hoping to have bidding begin in Mid-March or April. Discussion was held concerning a reduced cost to individuals along the project for hookups as MWWS had done in previous years. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to reduce new connections on the 2020 projects to \$500/residential and \$250 for pasture taps, not including subdivision or new developments adjacent to the pipeline per Subsection 3 of the Service Application Letter F. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Craig reported that the pump stations were changed to mag meters and antennas so they can be read from the vehicle. A leaky seal of a 50 HP motor was repaired.

5. Reorganization of the Board: Tom Bair, Legal Counsel resided over meeting for the Reorganization of the Board. Mr. Bair opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to nominate Mgr. Bachmeier for Chairman of the Board and nominations cease and entertain a unanimous vote for Bachmeier for Chairman. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier resumed the chair and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Mgr. Schmidt moved to nominate Mgr. Wetsch for Vice Chairman of the Board and nominations cease and entertain a unanimous vote for Wetsch for Vice Chair. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to appoint Brenda Winckler for Secretary-Treasurer. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
6. 1pm. NDRAM: ND Risk assessment Map service, Laura Horner presented a power point to help communicate flood risks and use the map as a risk control tool for flooding issues.
7. 2pm: HL Inundation: Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering presented the preliminary HL Inundation presentation. It included a Construction Permit Breach Zone Condition that would change HL from a medium hazard to a high hazard. Discussion was held concerning Floodway #2 being built. Consensus of the Board was that it may need to be built but not in the way as the previous plan had designed it.
8. Next meeting Date: Next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesday due to a State Water meeting.
9. Financial Reports: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to pay the Voucher from Slettan Const for tree removal at Moon Dam in Oliver County at 80% cost share by the MCWRD based on the O&M Agreement. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Consensus of the Board is to not be involved in the Dakota Prairie Res. Council and not pay the dues. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<b><i>CK#</i></b>	<b><i>NAME:</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT:</i></b>	<b><i>MEMO:</i></b>
1072	ND TaxDept	\$28.00	Payroll tax
1073	Bair Law Firm	\$1350.00	Legal Fee
1074	Houston Engineering	\$8935.25	HL Inundation
1075	MWWS	\$827.75	Water Fees
1076	ND Water Users	\$133.81	Water Conv Fee
1077	William Hill Land Survey	\$300.00	Survey @Willow Rd
1078	Comfort Inn	\$75.00	Room Rent
1079	Mahoney & Mahoney	\$50.00	Payroll 1099 Fee
EFT	IRS	\$375.76	Payroll taxes
1080	ND Water Res Dist	\$675.00	2020 Dues
1081	ND Water Users	\$300.00	2020 Dues
1082	Wade Bachmeier	\$761.02	Meetings, Conv Reg

1083	Bruce Engelhardt	\$655.35	Meetings, mileage, Conv. Registration
1084	George Saxowsky	\$187.17	Meetings, mileage
1085	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
1086	James Wetsch	\$1047.61	Meetings, mileage Conv Fee, HL Fee
1087	Brenda Winckler	\$1105.91	Salary, equip rent Lunch reimburse.
1088	Oliver County WD	\$1240.00	80% Tree removal At Moon Creek
1089	Wells Fargo Bank	\$55.00	Safe Box Rental

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.