

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
January 31, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37t St. NW, Mandan, ND

2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: Jamie Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, James Schmidt, and newly appointed Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, and Tim Nilsen, MC Parks,

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the November 29, 2023 minutes and the minutes from the November 9, 2023 special meeting. Mgr Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

4. Reorganization of the Board: Tom Bair took the chair. Nominations for Chairman: Mgr. Schmidt nominated Wade Bachmeier, hearing no further nominations, all in favor for Chairman Bachmeier, Wetsch, yes, Schmidt, yes, Engelhardt, yes, Norton, yes. MCU. For Vice Chair, Schmidt nominated Wetsch, hearing no further nominations for VP, all in favor. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to appoint Brenda Winckler as Sec-Treas. Hearing no further nominations, all in Favor. MCU. Chairman Bachmeier continued the meeting.

5. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following items. Mgr. Garvie needs an approval for the water contract between NS and MWWS. Due to USDA funding, New Salem requires a 40 year water supply contract. Because of this, MWWS will also need to do a 40 year contract with SWWA. This will be the 5th amendment to NS water agreement. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve both NS and SWA water contracts. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. Mgr. Engelhardt advised the Board that he being on the SWA Board and Mgr. Norton advised the Board that he is involved with the City of New Salem may be a potential conflict of interest. No objections. MCU. Lyons Road update: 13 mile extension for this project. MWWS has finalized the RR crossing permit dollar amounts at \$750 per crossing. Paid and mailed on January 23rd. There are 27 committed connections for this project. There is an application for payment #3 for \$496,152. Mgr. Engelhardt moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to pay the #3 payment to Karstenson Construction. MCU. Lead service line inventory: This is being done to protect community from lead in water service line. 1700 surveys were sent and have received about 400 back. MWWS will resend the mailer again. Mgr. Garvie would like past due account, #324 with a balance of \$260 to be adjusted off the books. Mgr. Schmidt moved to adjust Acct # 324 balance of \$260 off the books. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU. 2024 Rates: Mgr. Garvie recommends an increase of \$.10 /1000 gal. which for the average household use would be an average increase of \$6.69 per month per household totaling \$80.14. Mgr. Norton moved to increase water rates for individual and bulk users by \$.10 per 1000 gal. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Financials: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$287,862, and expenses of \$293,154 of the MWWS for the month of November 2023, and income of \$689,408 and expenses of \$166,494 for the month of December 2023. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to have Mgr Wetsch review the monthly and quarterly financials for MWWS and report to the Board every month. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU. ND Water Users Expo next week and Garvie and employees except Hunter will be attending. Flasher water tank has a leak.

6. Fort Lincoln water: Cody Schulz contacted Chairman Bachmeier and would like to continue discussion with MWWS for water project at Fort Lincoln. Mgr. Garvie will contact Cody Schulz to discuss this further.

7. Stability Analysis for Bank Stabilization: February 6-9th. Dam Safety Standard meeting is being recorded and would be beneficial for Ron Sando and Board Members to review.

8. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported on the following: Tim presented 2 bills: Flagpole, light, and flags for HL. Totaling \$762.08. Also, fence panels for the drop box totaling \$935.00. 2 bills totaling \$1697.08 which is below what we allocated. Tim presented expense report for 2023. He foresees no changes for 2024. Boat docks are in need of repair at HL. Tim recommends replacing our docks with a slip free boat dock which can be purchased from Game and Fish, at a cost of \$1500 per dock. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve purchase of a boat dock @ \$1500. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Tim has done interviews for the Campground Host. Will report back at the next meeting. Insurance from HUB about coverage on buildings at HL. Question on vault toilets. They are trying to find coverage to include vault and below. Discussion on coverage for contents inside maintenance building. Mgr. Wetsch will do an inventory on contents and report back. There was a Sunflo booth at the water convention. This machine is supposed to help with blue green algae. Chairman Bachmeier will invite him to the February meeting at 1pm.

9. Harmon Lake: Mgrs. Wetsch and Engelhardt were at HL on Tuesday. The warm weather has thawed the downstream end and could hear it trickling on the upstream end. If they opened it up, it would thaw the ice that is in there. Channel needs to be cleaned downstream this spring. If brought to original design standards in the channel, we would not need a permit.

10. Financial reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended 2023 Budget. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Engelhardt approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<i>Ck#</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>	<i>Memo:</i>
1513	VOID		
1514	Bruce Engelhardt	\$392.31	Meetings, mileage
1515	James Schmidt	\$660.95	Meetings, mileage
1516	James Wetsch	\$400.77	Meetings, mileage
1517	Brenda Winckler	\$1451.65	Salary, equip rent, Lunch reimbursed
1518	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$615.31	Meetings, mileage
EFT	IRS	\$639.02	Payroll taxes
EFT	Starion Bank	\$50.00	Bank fee
EFT	ND Tax Commission	\$21.00	State WH tax
1519	Safe Deposit Box Operation	\$55.00	Deposit Box fee
1520	ND Water Res Dist	\$150.00	Manager handbooks
1521	MWWS	\$265.90	Water at HL pasture tap
1522	MWWS	\$1500.00	1 ST Qtr. Rent 2024
1523	Morton County Parks	\$1697.08	Flag pole, fence

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.