

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

July 26, 2017

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on July 26, 2017 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, Jim Schmidt and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Craig Keidel, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel Ron Sando, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Michelle Doyle, NRCS, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Mike Aubol, and Dave Thompson, Toman Engineering.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Christensen moved to approve the regular minutes from June 28, 2017 and the amended minutes from July 17, 2017. Mgr. Saxowsky 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 Counsel, Tom Bair.
4. MWWS: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$161,686 and expenditures totaling \$315,871 of the MWWS for the month of June 2017. Manager Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Kemnitz reported the price of setting new pasture taps will be \$3500, which is setup and parts if it is along an existing line. SWC will cost share up to \$3500. Preferred contractor for setup is Schlosser Excavating. MWWS will do final inspection and install the meter once it is placed. Craig will install the meter, antenna, and get it set up for GPS. This has been working extremely well. All 3 employees can create the bid sheets. Mike reported his employees are working well together. Discussion was held concerning funding from the SWC. Most of MWWS projects are on a smaller scale.
5. MC Parks: Paddle On is abiding by the guidelines that were set up for them. Grainer was inspected by the US COE. They reported all service vehicles need a license plate including the UTV at Harmon Lake. Dept. of Health also did inspections and they turned out good. The Fish Creek project may not be completed in 2017 but will be in the 2018 budget. Tim reported they will also budget for 20 big trees for HL. Income to date at HL: \$27,202, up \$1200 from last year.

6. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Schmidt recommended that MC Parks remove the t post and ropes and replace with new fence. Tim will check on cost and report back at the next meeting. Tim and Mgr. Wetsch will contact ABC Docking and propose if they donate the current kayak launch we would purchase an extra expansion and loading chute. They will report back at the next meeting. Cost estimate of dock and chute would be \$3500. Tim reported that August 2nd will be Cops & Kids Fishing Derby at Harmon Lake this year. He also reported the storm shelter door should be installed this week. Mgr. Wetsch reported that Epic Sports would like to donate and cover all expenses to build a shelter halfway on the bike trails which would include a mobile bike repair stand. Design of the shelter will be mutually agreeable by both Epic Sports and MCWRD. Consensus of the Board is to allow Epic Sports to build a wood shelter midway of the bike trail. A Highway Patrol volunteer recommended to Mgr. Wetsch to put reflective markers along the trail to make it easier for 1st responders. Tim and Jamie will do some research and report back in August. Purchases of 2 fire extinguishers were made: 1 for the UTV and 1 for the trail mower.
7. Zachmeier CAT: Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering reported that the water downstream was coming from ground water due to material loss under the pipe. The pipe looks good. He recommends to do rock rip rap along the lower section of the culvert, eroded area removed, with downstream end hooded over pipe inlet to allow the desired slope and rock any underlying sources or issues. Estimate cost is \$25,000 to \$30,000 to fix to a functional condition.
8. Willow Road: Mike Aubol reported the MC Highway Dept. chopped off the pipe culverts but the culverts are in bad shape. They will need to be replaced in the future.
9. Otter Creek: Alternate assessments were made: Channel improvements construction cost estimate is \$225,000-\$285,000 plus engineering, permitting and administrative costs. Mgr. Schmidt will contact NRCS requesting them to map out the wetlands and coordinate with Houston Engineering. Survey cost estimate for gradient fieldwork was \$5,000 for the 2 mile and \$5,000-6000 estimate for the services. Mgr. Christensen moved to move forward with Houston Engineering to do gradient survey fieldwork for the cleanout of Otter Creek, contingent if NRCS will do the wetland soil survey not to exceed \$10,000 and not to exceed \$15,000 if Houston Engineering completes the delineation survey with a timeline of 2 weeks. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
10. HL Breach Zone: The objective of the HL Breach Zone is to avoid public risk, velocity criteria, and a warning system. The goal of MCWRD is to allow the maximum land developable without a change of hazard for the dam based on information from the 2 dimensional diagrams. Consensus of the Board is to use technical guidelines, data and models. It's a big impact because the guideline chosen will affect the entire state, not just HL. Consensus of the Board is to agree with the original map or put a line on the new map where it would not change the hazard classification. The US Geomorphology Study would like MCWRD to allocate \$12,000 toward the study. Cost of the study is \$448,600 which its primary issue is to do data collection this fall. Mgr. Christensen moved to allocate \$10,000 for the Geomorphology Study. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.
11. COE Rule: A letter was drafted to the COE to reject the current proposal rule on Docket # COE-2016-0016.

12. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to transfer \$13,900 into the HL O&M Expense Fund Savings Acct. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
5696	Bair Law Firm	\$2100.00	Legal Fees
5697	Houston Engineering	\$2666.50	HL Breach Zone Overlay
5698	Ternes Outdoor Service	\$1241.00	HL Weed Spraying
5699	ND Community Foundation	\$1241.00	Cent Dak Mowing HL
5700	ND Insurance Dept	\$135.53	Liability Insurance
5701	Wade Bachmeier	\$464.02	Meetings, mileage
5702	Ray Christensen	\$365.34	Meetings, mileage
5703	George Saxowsky	\$374.34	Meetings, mileage
5704	James Schmidt	\$283.85	Meetings, mileage
5705	James Wetsch	\$334.35	Meetings, mileage, supplies
5706	Brenda Winckler	\$888.42	Salary, equip rent
5707	Dak Community Bank	\$13900.00	2017 O&M HL Deposit
EFT	IRS	\$469.36	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas