

Morton County Water Resource District
Unapproved Minutes
July 27, 2022

1. The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the office of the MWWS, 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Sec-Treas. Brenda Winckler, Managers: Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, Jamie Wetsch, Jim Schmidt, Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, Ron Sando, George Saxowsky, Tom Bair, Legal, Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z, and Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering,
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the amended minutes from June 29, 2022. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested the minutes be sent to Legal Counsel, County Auditor and SWC.
4. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$ 162,832, and expenditures, \$170,912 for the MWWS for the month of June. Manager Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Manager Wetsch. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to accept the quarterly reports, Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: McGuire Const has subcontracted the work and has begun sandblasting at the New Salem water towers. \$312,415 paid on that contract. Contract end date December 2023, which will include visualization of the tanks in 2023. Bryan said they are doing a good job. 408 meters have been switched to cellular. 60 completed the last 3 weeks. In March 2022, Weiss and Sons had utilities located for a new development but when flags were done, it was off about 15 ft. exposing our water line. Engineer reworked the manholes, sewer lines, and water lines with a cost of \$23,207.80 which they would like MWWS to share the cost. The City of Mandan wants to not pay any of this. MWWS offered to have Schlosser Excavating move the line at a cost of \$5,000 which they had their engineer do this project instead. Karin is checking on insurance liability. Discussion on paying City of Mandan the \$5,000 to be used for the pot holing of the pipe. Karin plans to be present at the City meeting on Aug 2nd. Meeting was held with Bryan and Mike, Bartlett & West regarding the diesel generators for the water tanks. Cost would be \$225,000 plus approximately that same amount for electrical wiring and concrete pads to set generators on. Also suggested maintenance plan with Butler for the generators. Lead time for them would be 55-60 weeks. Bryan contacted Tri County Water who received some funding thru FEMA so he will check if funding is available. SWC funding: went to meeting concerning the 65-75 funding. Bryan presented Lyons Road, South Mandan expansion project, to the SWC for the reconstruction funding. Mgr. Schmidt met with District 31 incoming representatives to discuss the 10 water projects including the 1926B project. No response has been made from those representatives. Consensus of the Board is that as a Member of the MCWRD, Mgr. Schmidt will continue to aid and promote the boat ramp project, rock riprap, and EAE projects that are favorable and are an interest to Morton County. Andrea, SWC attended a COE meeting regarding permitting on the Missouri River and Sheila Neumann agreed to attend a meeting in ND. Chairman Bachmeier will attend to discuss the Missouri River projects.

5. Drain Tile Request: Ron Schlosser would like to do a drain tile project on some haying land that he cannot get into. Looking for information on how to get information and what the cost share would be and what the Water Boards responsibility is. District approves or denies the permit application, but if denied they still can obtain the permit. Mgr. Schmidt will check with Richland County who has done tiling permits. Applications can be obtained thru the SWC. No permit is needed unless 80 acres or more but must notify the Water Board.
6. ND Game & Fish: Paul Bailey would like the Board to draw off the bottom of HL to help eliminate lack of oxygen dead water which should be completed before the stratification takes place. Consensus of the Board is to wait and see how August is. Lake has been sampled and nothing has been reported.
7. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported: Estimate for a 12x24 shelter on top by the swimming beach: \$13,770.43 at this week's prices, subject to change. Mgr. Schmidt moved to proceed with building a 12x24 shelter on the site of the beach for public use only with legal approval. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU. Estimated time of build fall of 2023. Revenue: July: \$6650, \$17,930 for the year. Campgrounds have not been full with the exception of Holidays. Blue Green algae was well below advisory level.
8. Missouri River Stakeholder Meeting: August 10th at the Baymont Inn, 9-3. Any Board member wishing to attend registration will be reimbursed.
9. Devils Lake Discharge: The Lake has come up 3.5 feet from last year and will watch conditions.
10. Garrison Dam Safety Evaluation: Meeting was held on dam modification, repairing walls along the Shute which needs some rebuilding and possibly changing out the tainer gates which they will have to reduce the dam to be repaired, bank stabilization by the power house, but do not talk about an EAP or a table top exercise before repair with cities downstream. Alternative analysis in October, which should have another comment opening before then where we can send comments about the EAP and exercise before any repairs are made. Mgr Engelhardt is concerned that if anything needs to be done with the tainer gates, but will wait until the next report comes out and also encourages writing comments.
11. P&Z Wachter application: This was brought in before policy was put in place. Now that adoption is in place, this subdivision is within Zone 2 and some lots are out of the Zone. Natalie approved this application. Zone 2 & 3; seem to be reasonably buildable but no basements. Should the MCWRD take a position on this?? This issue is more of a Missouri River issue than a Harmon Lake issue. But we do not encourage development in a flood way area. Consensus of the Board is we do not advise approval of this development building in this area due to flooding of the Missouri River and the risk of no emergency access and that each potential buyer needs to be truly aware of the risks of building in this area. HL moratorium ends in April 2023. A letter was created by Mgr. Engelhardt regarding the extreme cost of changing HL and Crown Butte Dam to becoming high hazard dams. Mgr. Schmidt moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign and mail the letter to the Department of Water Resources. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

12. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to transfer \$6000 from General to Crown Butte Lagoon to pay the final payment for the CBL loan and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Memo:</u>
1370	HUB International	\$186.00	Insurance
1371	MRJB	\$1400.00	Dues 2022
1372	VOID		
1373	Roughrider Industries	\$200.04	Signs HL
1374	Dakota Community Bank	\$22,660.00	O&M 2022
1375	MC Weed Control	\$168.00	Spray for weeds HL
1376	Ronald Sando	\$2200.00	Consultant Fee
1377	Bruce Engelhardt	\$488.06	Meetings, mileage
1378	Michael Kemnitz	\$484.27	Meetings, mileage
1379	James Schmidt	\$298.77	Meetings, mileage
1380	James Wetsch	\$619.61	Meetings, mileage, supplies
1381	Brenda Winckler	\$1324.13	Salary, equip rent, lunch
1382	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$872.70	Meetings

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.