

## Unapproved

July 31, 2019

### MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on July 31, 2019 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 Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Karen Garvie & Craig Tokach, MWWS, Tom Bair, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Ron Sando, Mike Kemnitz, and Jim Collins and Edwin Kitsus, Dept of Environmental Quality. Also present were Rick Worhurst, Nat. Resource Trust Fund and Roger Smith, Ducks Unlimited.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Manager Wetsch 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 \$163,851 and expenditures, totaling \$467,150 of the MWWS for the month of June 2019. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Saxowsky. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the quarterly reports and Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Karen Garvie reviewed the following items with the Board: Karen reported on the expansion project grant application with SWC. Total project cost is \$1.8 million. HL expansion is \$750,000, with local being \$188,000, and the HWY 25 expansion at \$1 million, local being \$530,000. The request has been sent and will be reviewed at the August 8<sup>th</sup> SWC meeting. Upon approval of this loan, MWWS will need to apply for our share with the Fed Reserve: 2% interest 30 year fixed loan. There will be a short window upon approval. Mgr. Schmidt moved to authorize Karen to do the application of \$1.25 for the local share of the expansion projects with the State revolving Fund. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. MWWS would like to get bids by January 2020 with the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of project to begin in April 2020. Bryan Ziegler did a projected cost estimate so Karen can proceed with the application. The system study is complete and will be presented at the August meeting.

The Board suggests a need for developers to put some commitment into new projects to determine size of pipes and structures. MWWS will need to know plans for projected projects so they can plan for their expansions. A 5 year plan is in place to replace water meters. There are 2 companies that supply meters. MWWS will purchase 5 meters

from each and test them to see how they work and will have proposals for the next meeting. Craig reported an electrician from Selfridge works for Micro Com and will be familiar with these. Routine summer projects are being done including flush valves, unused curb stops and overflowed tanks. Tanks projects have been moved to the end of August. There are 17 committed service connections of which 15 have been completed.

5. Tom Landeis: Discussion was held concerning the Landeis land along Hwy. 1806, west of the Refinery. The south end has been a watershed area. Over the years, it has become a wetland. Complications are that Hwy 1806 makes a damming effect and more culverts have made it become more of a wetland. Water ends up in the refinery water ponds and then flows to the Missouri River. The land has been annexed into city limits and the City of Mandan should try to help them. The problem has increased due to additional building west of the Landeis. Consensus of the Board is to explore how to relieve water due to development. Other possibilities include purchasing the land by the City of Mandan and the refinery. Tom Bair will speak with the City of Mandan and Mitch Bitz.
6. Lower Heart: Mayor of Mandan will lead the discussion of the flood project for Lower Heart at the next SWC meeting. Mgr. Schmidt suggests calling it the City of Mandan Flood control project not LHWRD project.
7. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that he is having a hard time finding contractors to build the shelters. He will have the concrete poured, legs built and do a gable roof and the MC Park employees will build it. He also spoke with a gentleman who has a solar pump that he says gets rid of blue algae. It is a circulation system. Jim Collins and Edwin Kitsus, Dept. of Environmental Quality were present to discuss the blue algae problem at HL. Tim was upset with the how and when posting was done, because he was not notified until signs were present. They explained a water sample was taken and when toxin concentration is greater than 10 ug/l signs need to be posted and sampled weekly until it goes down. Cause is mainly from runoff from Ag land. Alum treatment works for a while until the wind blows. If the Board could get someone to do the sampling, they will work with them. A low level draw down from March to May will help. Water will need to be monitored and possible do a draw down again in Aug-Sept. Consensus of the Board is to continue working with the Dept. of Environmental Quality. The Board will be the sponsor to do the sampling. Tony Goetzfried and Mgr. Wetsch will work with Tim to do the sampling. Revenue for HL so far is \$23,041 compared to last year \$26,160, decrease mostly due to the blue algae problem.
8. Harmon Lake:
  - A: Stock Dam: Rick Worhurst, Nat. Res. Trust Fund, and Roger Smith, Ducks Unlimited, were present to discuss the restoration of the stock dam at HL. They presented a proposal for the wetland and restoration of the breach in the dam. They would like to lower the water level and place a geo tech mat to repair the breach. Cost is 50% OHF and 25% Nat Res. Fund and 25% local match. Several questions were aired by Ron Sando, and Mgr. Engelhardt concerning where the mat goes and how far it will be

placed, not on the embankment but on the spillway, seed cost was not a bid item, same with the herbicide. Eliminated spec #402 and 403 and excavating down to elevated levels were not on plans. It will also need to include a breach if it goes out. There also will need to be borrow, dozing and rebuilding. If more than 1 acre, there will need to be a silt fence. Also mobilization costs were not included. Mr. Smith stated the proposal is not complete until approval from the Board at that time he would make a definite plan. The Board will not pay more than \$9,000 our share. They will get back to the Board with a more definite proposal.

B: Yurts: Based on acquisition of land from the Wachter Family, placing a yurt is a violation of land use documents so it was suggested by Tom Bair to refuse the yurt proposal. The land is for public recreation use only.

9. Oliver County O&M: Tony went to the OC O&M at Moon Dam and Schwalbe Dam. He also fixed the fence at HL using old posts and new wire. The SE side will get hayed this year. Tony will also check with Brent Ternes on spraying buck brush on the SE side.
10. Budget Proposal: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the proposed 2020 budget for MCWRD. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Chairman Bachmeier presented the 2020 budget to the MC Commissioners.
11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<b>CK#</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>MEMO:</b>
1009	VOID		
1010	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$75.00	Room rental
1011	Modern Fenceworks	\$2167.33	Fencing at HL
1012	ND Insurance Dept	\$148.20	Fire & Tornado
1013	State Auditors	\$4000.00	Auditor Fee
1014	Ternes Outdoor	\$2193.23	Spraying HL
1015	Bair Law Firm	\$1600.00	Legal Fee
1016	MWWS	\$40.00	WTR Water
1017	Wade Bachmeier	\$731.02	Meetings, mileage
1018	Bruce Engelhardt	\$290.34	Meetings, mileage
1019	Tony Goetzfried	\$402.72	Payroll, mileage
1020	George Saxowsky	\$185.67	Meetings, mileage
1021	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
1022	James Wetsch	\$593.37	Meetings, mileage
1023	Brenda Winckler	\$955.59	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$497.98	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.