

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

JUNE 24,2020

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at the Missouri Room in the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1516 27th St, NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary, Brenda Winckler, and Managers, James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Jim Schmidt, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tom Bair, Karen Garvie, Craig Tokach, MWWS, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Ron Sando, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, and Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes for the May 27, 2020 meeting. Mgr. 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 \$192,237 and expenditures, totaling \$151,002 of the MWWS for the month of May 2020. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Saxowsky. MCU. Karen Garvie reported on the following items: Losses last month may be due to pasture taps being used on resident accounts. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve signing of the bond for the State Revolving Fund. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West reported the 2020 construction project is going well. Estimated timeline of completion is the week after July 4th. Discussion was held on finishing the additional 5,000 ft of pipe between the 8 inch and the parallel lines. Bryan will contact the Construction Co to see if that can be completed being, they are on site by doing a change order. He will also contact SWC to see if this can be added to the construction project dollars because there is a surplus on the bid for this project. Mgr. Schmidt moved that since there is substantial savings on the project, to ask SWC and OSE if savings can be used to complete the next phase of 5,000 ft. of parallel pipe on Hwy 1806 assuming Contractor is willing to hold price and stay to do the work. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Additional users have been added since construction began. Change orders will need to be done, Schedule 1 due to reduction of \$23,000 for elimination of 2 road crossings and Schedule 2 increasing of \$59,038 due to additional users and extra borings and restraint joints. Total change in cost will be \$35,818. Mgr.

Engelhardt moved to approve the change orders on Schedule 1 & 2. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve payment of \$822,078.32 to the Contractor for work completed. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Craig Tokach reported the wet tap on the 10-inch line is being completed today and the CR 140 & Hwy 1806 tie in has been completed. Microcom and the MWWS crew worked on the high-speed upgrade for the 1st phase of the Scada for the computers and radios. Airport and Crown Butte water tower projects are expected to be done in August. Reportage of a CO2 shortage was discussed by the Board. CO2 is used in the water treatment plants and a shortage may cause water rationing. Mgr. Schmidt reported the Mandan City intake project cost went from \$20.6 million to \$36 million. Several contingencies were not accounted for. Existing funds may complete Phases 1 & 2 but more funding may need to be requested to complete Phase 3.

5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported the campgrounds and bathrooms have been opened but only 5 campers are allowed on the group pads. Every pad was used on Father's Day. Tim also reported that due to campers coming in on Wednesdays to stay thru Sunday, mowing and spraying have not been completed. The Goetzfried bench will not be completed until September. HL revenue for 2020 is \$17,330 compared to last year at \$16,851. Discussion was held concerning the blue water algae. Tim will watch HL and contact DEQ if he has concerns. Paddle On has offered to reimburse the MCWRD 15% of their sales. Mgr. Schmidt moved to offer to assign the Paddle on Contract and the reimbursement to MC Parks pending approval from MC Parks. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved that if mowing cannot be completed due to drought or fire hazard that the contract be extended by 1 year except for the emergency spillway which can be mowed prior to July 15th. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. The lot at White Tail Ridge had issues with the MC Highway regarding proof of a shared approach. Chairman Bachmeier sent the easement agreement to MC Highway.
6. Hehr-Entzel Drainage: Hehr-Entzel would like the MCWRD to be the applicant for a drainage permit on their land. If erosion and damage to the right of way occurs, it will be MCWRD liability. The cost of the drainage permit process is \$10,400. Mike Gunsch recommends evaluating the problem at a cost of \$4000 to determine where the actual problem lies. These would be homeowner costs not the Boards. Consensus of the Board is to present the landowner with the option and message to state this is all the Board will do and it does not appear reasonable.
7. Lower Otter Creek Improvements: Mike Gunsch looked at profiles. He recommends cleaning the channel and to achieve capacity, that the Board should excavate 1 ft. of sediment within the channel at a cost of approx. \$263,780 on 6,000 lineal ft. of channel

which would be the best bang for the \$\$ and could get capacity for a 5-7 year frequency and cut the cost by 75%. The next step would include investigating where to clean the channel to get the best results. Another idea would be to do 2-3000 ft. instead of the 6,000. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to gather more information, survey and determine which areas need more cleanout. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

8. HL Breach Zone: Mgr. Schmidt moved to sign the HL Dam Breach Zone Overlay District Resolution. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.
9. Fraud Risk Policy: Tom Bair will continue to research the best option on this policy.
10. 2021 Budget: MC Commissioners recommend a decrease of 7-10% from the 2020 Budget which would be \$18,000 reduction for the MCWRD. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the Projected 2021 Budget. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Chairman Bachmeier will present it to the MC Commissioners in July.
11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1130	Bair Law Firm	140.00	Legal Fee
1131	Comfort Inn	\$75.00	Room Rent
1132	Morton County Weed Bd	\$168.00	Spray for HL
1133	ND Community Foundation	\$1200.00	HL Trail Maint.
1134	Wade Bachmeier	\$311.67	Meetings
1135	Bruce Engelhardt	\$141.67	Meetings, mileage
1136	George Saxowsky	\$187.18	Meetings, mileage
1137	James Schmidt	\$141.18	Meetings,
	mileage		
1138	James Wetsch	\$269.68	Meetings, reimburse
1139	Brenda Winckler	\$1055.53	Salary, equip rent,
			Lunch reimburse
EFT	IRS	\$385.08	Payroll tax

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.

