

UNAPPROVED

June 25, 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 June 25, 2019 at the Missouri Room in the Comfort Inn Suites, 1516 27th St. No., Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, and Jim Schmidt. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz and Karen Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Ron Sando, Bill Robinson and Ryan Jockers, LHWRD, Natalie Pierce, and Josh Renz.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes for the May 22nd meeting. Manager Schmidt 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 \$179,544 and expenditures, totaling \$174,130 of the MWWS for the month of May 2019. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the following items. Mgr. Schmidt moved to allow Karen Garvie to be the voting delegate for MWWS at the MorGranSou annual meeting. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. MWWS will no longer need the 2016 Chev. Colorado pickup which has 98,000 miles. Mgr. Kemnitz would like to purchase it. Mgr. Schmidt moved to allow Mgr. Kemnitz to purchase the pickup at a price appraised by Kupper Chevrolet. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West presented the MWWS Hydraulic Analysis for the system transmission & distribution capacity report for current and future projects. A letter was sent to MC P&Z planner asking them to create a map showing projected increase for growth in Morton County for the next 1-5 years. MWWS has requested a grant from SWC for the upcoming projects at \$1.1 million, \$700,00 being local funds. Bryan will present the proposal sent to SWC and what the match will be at the next meeting. MWWS is set to be on the agenda for SWC meeting in August. It will be a 75-25 cost share match on the loans. Discussion was held concerning hiring Mgr. Kemnitz as a paid consultant for MWWS. Kemnitz said he will be available to help.
5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen presented estimates for the new shelters, 25x17 with 2 sides will be \$10,500. Mgr. Schmidt moved to continue with the shelter building. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. HL income so far this year: \$14,601. The Bismarck Larks Kid race brought in 130 riders/racers. Was a huge success. Tim Nilsen presented

the request for a grant from the OHF for the cutting and filling of the parking lot to sheet off water and it was denied. Tim will check with SWC about submitting this proposal to them. 29 trees were planted at HL. Josh Renz was present to speak to the Board about putting Yurts at HL. He would like to see luxury yurts at HL, due to its many miles of trails, wildlife and natural assets. Rental would be \$100 to \$150/night, sleeps 4 comfortably, basically they park and play. They are semi-permanent and can be set up in 48 hours. He would put them up and maintain them. He would do all the work, Board would just do a ground lease for their location. He would start with 1 but could go as much as 4. The Board stated he would need water, septic, and electricity. If we would do this, the Board would need to publish an RFP. The Board estimated cost for septic, and water and electricity to be about \$25,000. Josh stated it would provide eco-tourism and diversification.

6. Morton County O&M: Tony Goetzfried reported the fence has been fixed by Almont. This is the last year of O&M for Almont. Peltz Fencing will replace the fence to be relocated on our property at HL. Tony Attended the EAP meeting for Nelson Dam. Tom Bair suggested since the Board is now Title VI compliant, someone from the Board should attend the ND Trails Conference in Minot.
7. Harmon Lake: Blue Sky Trails has begun work at HL. Beaver Creek Archeology helped move flags for mitigation and will prepare the report. Ducks Unlimited and the Natural Resource Trust Fund gave an estimate of \$35,900 to repair the stock dam, with our share about \$8975. Trail will be reverted to avoid being over the dam itself. If approved, they will check with Blue Sky to do the work since they are already on location. Construction is to be done this year. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and proceed with the dam repair not to exceed \$9,000 our cost share. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Save our Lakes or Game and Fish may cost share as well as the SWC. Mgr. Wetsch will let Ducks Unlimited know. A trail connector will be done where the existing trail is and the new loop begins so you can go around the stock dam upstream and return or connect to the new loop. The approximate cost will be \$1000. Consensus of the Board is to allow Mgr. Wetsch to make that decision. It will be covered by the extra \$\$ in contingency. The Board agreed to send Ron Luithle a letter of recommendation from the Board to the new subdivision he is working with. Chairman Bachmeier is working on listing the lot at WTR owned by the Board. Mgr. Schmidt moved to list the lot with Pat Maddock, Oak Tree Realty at \$69,000. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.
8. LHWRD: Bill Robinson and Ryan Jockers, BCWRD, were present to discuss relocation of the district's boundaries. They would like to move 1812 parcels from MCWRD to the LHWRD. 350 parcels would be moved from Lower Heart to MCWRD. They are still waiting on FEMA's response for the dyke. They will begin geo technical work. Special assessments have yet to be determined. The 2 Boards need to agree on the decision and the SWC would approve or disapprove. LHWRD currently has 4 mills vs. MCWRD 1.4 mills, which would increase the landowners in the current MCWRD by 2.6 mills. It will require a public hearing for the 1812 land owners. The objective is long term maintenance and payment

for the dyke and keep the levy with acceptable status with the COE. There will also have to be a transfer of easements and O&M on Section 32 along the Missouri River.

9. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to accept and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
5962	Bair Law Firm	\$3000.00	Legal Fees
5963	Comfort Inn	\$75.00	Room rent
5964	MWWS	\$40.00	Water Fee WTR
5965	MC Weed Board	\$426.00	Spray for HL weeds
Tranf	Starion Bank	\$300,000.00	Transferred to new
	<u>Starion</u>		Account
1001	Houston Engineering	\$537.50	Dam Inundation
1002	MWWS	\$80.00	Water Fee WTR
1003	Wade Bachmeier	\$374.02	Meetings, mileage
1004	Bruce Engelhardt	\$429.02	Meetings, mileage
1005	Tony Goetzfried	\$537.04	Payroll, mileage
1006	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
1007	James Wetsch	\$273.68	Meetings, mileage
1008	Brenda Winckler	\$1045.22	Salary, equip rent, Lunch

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.