

Unapproved  
Morton County Water Resource District  
May 29, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37t St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, James Schmidt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Tom Bair, Les Kern and Wade Vogel, Bridgeview Bay, Monte and Lynette Gawryluk, owners of the land.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the May 29, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$254,361 and expenditures totaling \$222,961 of the MWWS for the month of May 2024. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Flasher tank was fixed in 1 day at a cost of \$11,000. Good job, still a little weeping but that is normal for that tank. The contractors bolted a piece of metal to fix it. Lyons Road updates; finally got the last 3 railroad permits. It will still be a minimum of 2-3 weeks for the inspector. May need to put steel casings on railroad. All meter pits have been installed, just waiting to do railroad boring. Mgr. Garvie presented the application for approval on payment #5, \$421,866. Mgr. Norton moved to approval payment of #5. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Discussion was held on tier rating for the water rate schedule. Mgr. Garvie did a rate analysis: current rate for first 15,000 gallons, would like to change to 10,000 at the initial rate, and increase rate for the next 10,000 gallons at 1.5 times, with leaving 20,000 at 3 times the cost on residential use. Difference she came up with was an increase for 3 months at about \$16,000. Average monthly use is between 6-8,000 gallons. Will discuss again when we discuss the rates. Mgr. Garvie attended the Summit Carbon Solution meeting to discuss water crossings for their projects. She has continued to communicate with the archaeologists with their study at Mofset subdivision. They are waiting to do a 3x3 grid testing. MWWS is waiting for 1 family to sign the easement before SHIPO can proceed. This affects 6 homes at \$25,000 to \$30,000 cost per lot. Craig installed 2 data logs, 1 at the Ft. Rice area. They will review the data after June. Bryan will check on getting a new map of Morton County with the updated MWWS and SWA water pipe included.
5. Wachter land: Wachter is offering to sell the 10.98 acre property to MCWRD first before July 1. Chairman Bachmeier would like to get back to them with any answer. After discussion, MC Parks is stretched pretty thin and may not be able to maintain this. Mgr. Schmidt moved that at this point in time without a definite plan for that land we cannot justify purchasing it. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. Vote results: Wetsch: Yes, Norton: yes, Schmidt, yes: Engelhardt, yes: Bachmeier, no. MCU.
6. Sunflo Proposal: Discussion was held if this would make any difference in water quality. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to enter into a conditional purchase agreement with Sunflo paying 25% of the purchase for use for a period of 1 year (full ice free season) and after 1 year if decision is made to complete the purchase the balance will be paid. This agreement would be conditional on legal approval. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

7. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported 5 trees have been planted where the flag pole will be placed purchased and paid for by G&F as a donation by the Boy Scout troop. Tim presented 2 bills for reimbursement from MCWRD, one for repair on the bobcat trail machine and the other for the 25% match for the dock at HL. The campground host at HL is doing a good job also does the mowing at HL. Policy is 10 consecutive days for camping at Morton County Parks, one camper was there 10 days and moved to another campground, and proceeded to move to Grainer Park which he could not go to Grainer due to our policy. \$15,310 so far this year which is right in the average.

8. Bridgeview Bay: Wade Vogel, Les Kern, Monte and Lynette Gawryluk were present to discuss the building of the Bridgeview Bay concerning easements that MCWRD has near the land. Would like to reduce the Boards easement to 20 ft on the east side which includes the existing top riprap, ingress and egress easement would still be there so the Board can have access to our easement. Gawryluks will be responsible for any maintenance on the existing riprap. They are asking for the easement to be reduced further than the 20 ft. Proposed project is commercial spaces, with the back side having covered porches, with diamond piers which can be removed if need be, but the piers would be 10 ft. Into the 20 ft. Easement. 10 ft. Green space and 3-10 ft. Wide x20 ft. Piers/patios this can be removed. We will need to contact DWR before we can do anything on this easement.

9. HL Haying: Renter does not want to hay the land at HL anymore.

10. Beaver Dams: Tom Bair has not heard anything back on rules for elimination on a water course. It may be better to just let the DWR to assess it.

9. Digitization of Documents: Chairman Bachmeier would like to digitize documents for the MCWRD. Will check with Mgr Garvie if this is in Dropbox from when Sadie Wetzel did it.

10. Financial Reports: Discussion on 2025 Budget which needs to be sent to MC Commissioners by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1553	Bruce Engelhardt	\$282.12	Meetings, mileage
1554	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1555	James Schmidt	\$196.17	Meetings, mileage
1556	James Wetsch	\$848.90	Meetings, mileage
1557	Brenda Winckler	\$1421.47	Salary, equip rent, lunch
1558	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$822.05	Meetings, mileage
EFT	IRS	\$667.44	Payroll taxes
1559	Bair Law Firm	\$1900.00	Legal Fees
1560	MWWS	\$1500.00	Office Rent
1561	MC Weed Control	\$262.00	Spray for HL
1562	Office of State Auditor	\$3424.00	Audit Fee
1563	Ronald Sando	\$137.50	Consultant Fee
1564	MC Parks	\$1863.55	Bobcat repair, 25% of new dock

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