

## MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

June 27, 2018

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on June 27, 2018 at the Morton County Highway Shop at 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jim Schmidt, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, Craig Keidel, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Ron Sando, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, and John Suiki, MC Highway Engineer.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the amended minutes from May 30, 2018. Mgr. Christensen 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: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$233,747 and expenditures totaling \$103,875 of the MWWS for the month of May 2018. Manager Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reported that the May water losses came in at 19%, the trend is down in June; pasture taps are being used and will be read at the end of the season. There has been no further discussion on office location or a timeline when this will take place. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and authorize Mgr. Kemnitz to sign the 40 year contract for water between SWA and the City of New Salem. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. There has been a request for water from a subsequent user wishing to extend his line on his own property and now another individual would like water who had never signed up for water in this area. Mgr. Kemnitz recommends they help pay the subsequent user a prorated fee for the initial installation and will draw a policy to include prorating a fair and equitable share and time period and bring back to the next meeting. Consensus of the Board is for Mgr. Kemnitz to proceed with this. Mgr. Schmidt moved to authorize Mgr. Kemnitz to replace the current UTV with a 2018 Polaris Ranger XP1000 at a cost of \$21,678.51. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Craig Keidel reported on reports of low pressure, stating it is not a pressure problem but low flow problems. The City of Mandan uses a lime softening solution which is causing problems of build up in pex pipes. He also reported that recirculation pumps are on the top of the list for this problem. Craig also reported 4 tanks will be inspected and cleaning next month. The Company will itemize all their findings and propose a budget projection to have projects completed in the next 5 years. MWWS installed stand alone LP heaters in the stations to prevent freeze up due to power outages. The Event Center, south Mandan on Hwy 1806 would like a water hookup but has not brought MWWS any specific plans for this project.

5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported to the Board that the 2 parking lots have been graveled and leveled. They have begun to put up the new fence. Shelters have acetone on and are waiting to be painted. Bridges also will need to be stained. Tony Goetzfried will take care of that project. Cops and Kids fishing Day will be held at Harmon Lake on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A tree Grant was received at a 50/50 grant up to \$2100. The work will be completed in 2019. Little Heart Boat Dock has been closed due to rising waters of the Missouri River. Grainer Park has 25-30% of the parking lot under water and will be closed off. Ft. Rice is normal. HL has taken in \$15,880 so far this camping season compared to \$17,075 last year. Tom Bair reported the Parks can grant access to the ice cream truck without rent. Also, Paddle On can sublet classes for on the water use. The Hay Lease at HL has been signed but due to the request of fire extinguishers on all equipment, an executive decision was made to reduce the 1<sup>st</sup> year payment to \$1200, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year to be \$1500. Consensus of the Board was approval. The lease states haying can begin on July 15<sup>th</sup> and proof of insurance is required. The Whitetail Ridge approach has been completed at a cost of \$2095. Tim will check on cost of trees and fabric for planting at the Whitetail Ridge and the nursery. There are a lot of weeds on the lot at Whitetail. MC Parks will spray them. The replatting of the WTR lot will be on this month's P&Z meeting agenda. Tony G. also patched holes in the roof of the storm shelter, so the painter can begin.
6. MC O&M: Flasher needs to have trees cut down. A call has been made to find someone to do that project. Oliver County O&M inspections stated structures look fine with no problems. Zachmeier CAT could not tell if the rocks are washing away. Will continue to monitor that when the water recedes. It is not an emergency situation. One of the Rock Point leasers reported erosion taking place and is getting close to their dock. They were informed that the Board has an agreement for access for O&M and that the dock will be removed if needed. Tom Bair will check if the Board has any responsibility for this project. Tokach Timber Haven looks OK; the water is not to the top.
7. LH Dist. Boundary Redraw Options: MC Commissioner Zachmeier requested a new LH District boundary. Natalie Pierce and John Suiki presented 2 different options. HDR should have final answers to rebuilding of the dam in 8-9 months for the LHWRD.
8. Harmon Lake: Ron Sando reported there is no funding available from G&F for public entities to fix the stock dam at HL. US Fish and Wildlife has no funding but could help with control grazing if the Board chooses to do that, and also provide technical assistance. Consensus of the Board is to leave the stock dam as is.

9. Apple Creek Flooding: Apple Creek has a map for flooding stages done by Houston Engineering. They stated they could also prepare a Burleigh, Morton County Flood stage map. Burleigh paid ½ of bill. MCWRD and LHWRD would cover the other half, our share being \$1750.00
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Christensen moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<b><i>CK#</i></b>	<b><i>NAME:</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT:</i></b>	<b><i>MEMO:</i></b>
5819	Bair Law Firm	\$1722.00	Legal fees
5820	Entzel Trucking	\$2095.00	WTR Approach
5821	State Auditor	\$3750.00	2017 Audit
5822	ND Community Foundation	\$1200.00	Cyclists pmt for mowing
5823	Toman Engineering	\$1471.00	Survey WTR
5824	Wade Bachmeier	\$758.04	Meetings, mileage
5825	Ray Christensen	\$359.10	Meetings, mileage
5826	Tony Goetzfried	\$561.52	Payroll, mileage, supplies
5827	George Saxowsky	\$561.52	Meetings, mileage
5828	James Schmidt	\$301.34	Meetings, mileage
5829	James Wetsch	\$386.36	Meetings, mileage
5830	Brenda Winckler	\$1046.20	Salary, equip rent, lunch
EFT	IRS	\$646.24	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.