

## MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

June 28, 2017

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on May 31, 2017 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, Jim Schmidt and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Joel Rostenberg, MC Emergency Mgmt., Ron Sando, Michelle Doyle, NRCS, Chuck Mork, Dan Price, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the amended minutes from May 31, 2017. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that copy to 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 \$137,976 and expenditures totaling \$111,902 of the MWWS for the month of May2017. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reported a leak was repaired west of the Heart River which significantly reduced water loss. MWWS has been busy with locates due to 3 cable companies. 12-20 locates are being done daily. Meter Connection Process: Meter is placed close to MGS. Schlosser Excavating is the main contractor to do the meter installation and the prices are set as follows: Residential flat total hookup is \$5,000. Pasture tap flat hookup fee is \$3,500. There have been some water pressure issues. Letters have been sent to water users reminding them of the increased \$\$ on the over usage. Short term solutions can be corrected in house but the long term fixes won't be completed this year. Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West gave a few options. Parallel existing 4" pipeline and upsize PRVs to get more flow.
5. NRCS: Discussion was held concerning the drought program. CRP grazing will be open for emergency grazing in the drought counties and their neighboring counties. Grazing is preferred over haying because it is 50% less detrimental to the wildlife. O&M reports have been completed. HL has a beaver dam that they would like to remove but right now is serving a positive action with the water flow. The Board will keep an eye on it. NRCS provided a letter to Brent Ternes allowing him to spot spray on the dam. Michelle also sent the information requested from Tom Bair for downstream lands. No dam inundation has been completed at this time. If the hazard changes SWC will not provide funding to change the dam.

6. Harmon Lake: Tony Goetzfried and Paddle On found a suitable place. The cement sidewalk is being washed out so Entzel Trucking brought in a load of rock for that and for other maintenance issues. Paddle On is now on the east side of the sidewalk and has access to the water. Posts have been bent and fence cut on the SE corner of the property line. Homeowners near there stated it was caused by cattle that escaped and broke the fence down. The homeowners also stated that our fence is 3 ft. on their side of the property line. Consensus of the Board is to allow Tony to work with homeowners to locate pins and report back at the July meeting. Since the Boards pasture will not be rented out it was the consensus of the Board to turn off the pasture tap. Due to the dry conditions, the Board has decided to not allow any haying at HL this year.
  
7. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that they placed 3 more benches at the beach at HL. There was a request for a 6 band Concert to be held at HL. Mgr. Schmidt moved to deny the request. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Tree work will begin in mid-July, weather pending. Cost of rental will be \$200/day for the scissor and \$250/day for the chipper. The storm shelter is complete with the exception of 1 door. It is rated for an F5 tornado. Project came in \$1000 under budget. Tim also reported that rip rap is needed on the river so it will use their entire budget to complete. Fish Creek needs repair on the principal spillway but with no additional funds, Tim asked for help for the local share from the Board. Estimate to fix is \$150,000, being split by 1/3 to SWC, G&F, and Local share. Mgr. Schmidt moved to provide \$50,000 for the MC Parks 1/3 commitment if SWC and G&F approve the project with \$25,000 capital repayment from MC Parks not to exceed 3 years. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Harmon Lake receipts so far this year totaled \$17,061 and Grain receipts totaled \$41,040 YTD.
  
8. Flood Inundation: Mike Gunsch reported the inundation maps are on a list to do, but no timeline for completion. Chairman Bachmeier and Mike will draft a letter urging them to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> map. Joel Rostenberg, MC Emergency Management, has the use of code red to contact all landowners in case of an emergency, but the real concern is that P&Z does not allow building that could change the hazard of HL from medium to High. The key criteria for the rating are how many potential for deaths there could be.
  
9. Otter Creek and SBC Cleanout: Mike Gunsch reported that the Square Butte Creek Cleanout would be a bed and bank cleanout with no wetlands so that cleanout and removal can be completed without a permit. Otter Creek is more complex due to wetlands. He suggests making a plan to ensure that we don't need a permit. Both cleanouts will need a drainage permit. Cost estimate for SB Creek: \$160, 602.57, engineering fee \$32,500. Otter Creek Channel Clean out est. cost: \$440,873.28, with engineering fee of \$42,000. Otter Creek affects 4 landowners. This could be broken into 2 projects. Chuck Mork and Dan Price, landowners were present and reported that before the dam was built the water came and left and was gone. Now the water sits and saturates the land and continues to saturate and cause more land to not be farmed. Otter Creek is more problematic than SB Creek. Ron

Sando suggests setting up an assessment for the district for future maintenance. He also suggested making a cost assessment for alternative ways to solve this problem. The consensus of the Board is to look at 3 alternatives: Buy the land, cleanout, or pay damages to the landowners. Chairman Bachmeier, Ron Sando, and Mike Gunsch will do a memo to assess each alternative. Mgr. Schmidt moved to request the consulting engineer to proceed with developing alternative assessments and what the impact of each would be at Otter Creek. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. Wetsch: Yes, Christensen: Yes, Saxowsky: Yes, Schmidt: Yes, Bachmeier: No. MC.

- 10. Zachmeier CAT: Mike Gunsch reported the structure has baffle walls but didn't see anything causing the problem. They will go out again on 6/29 and search more. The pipe looked to be in good condition but another pipe is on top of that one. They will report back at the next meeting.
- 11. Financial Reports: Consensus of the Board is to allow all Managers and Secretary Winckler to have their signatures on the BNC CD. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to send \$1,000 to MRJB for the MRRICK project and for the 2017 Dues. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<b><u>CK#</u></b>	<b><u>NAME:</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT:</u></b>	<b><u>MEMO:</u></b>
5682	Bair Law Firm	\$5407.50	Legal Fees
5683	Blue Sky Trail	\$11765.00	HL Bike Trail Repair
5684	MRJB	\$1000.00	2017 Dues
5685	Ron Sando	\$1072.50	Consultant Fees
5686	Entzel Trucking	\$1921.72	Beach Expansion
5687	MRJB	\$1000.00	MRRICK Contribution
5688	MC Parks	\$11535.25	25% of Storm Shelter
5689	Wade Bachmeier	\$523.11	Meetings, mileage
5690	Ray Christensen	\$174.68	Meetings, mileage
5691	Tony Goetzfried	\$343.52	Payroll, mileage
5692	George Saxowsky	\$187.18	Meetings, mileage
5693	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
5694	James Wetsch	\$660.72	Meetings, mileage Reimbursements
5695	Brenda Winckler	\$982.38	Salary, equip rent, lunch
EFT	IRS	\$541.32	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.

