

Morton County Water Resource District
Unapproved Minutes
June 29, 2022

1. The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the office of the MWWS, 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
 2. The following were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Sec-Treas. Brenda Winckler, Managers: Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, Jamie Wetsch, Jim Schmidt, Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Joel Rostenberg, MC EAP, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, George Saxowsky, Ron Sando, Tom Bair, and Jesse Kist, AE2S Engineering, Cole Higlin, Mandan Parks & Rec.
 3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the minutes from May 25, 2020. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested the minutes be sent to Legal Counsel, County Auditor and SWC.
 4. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$ 168,937 and expenditures, \$159,158, of the MWWS for the month of May 2022. Manager Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Manager Schmidt. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: McGuire Construction plans to be here in the next month to finish the tower projects. MWWS has Wi-Fi and new phone system. MWWS has been busy looking for water leaks which they found in a 4inch PVC that pulled apart under the railroad with an estimated loss of 50,000/day. Estimated loss cost \$7600 as of now. Excavation fix was \$5600. In 2015 MWWS consolidated their 2 loans and took out a loan at Starion at a 3.9 fixed interest which will be paid off in 2030. Discussion was held concerning if a loan should be taken out for the purchase of the building or using MWWS reserves. Ft. Lincoln, Karen has not heard anything new on that. Permanent generators at pump stations: Bryan has not received the quotes from electricians yet. He will get the full cost before he brings it to the Board. Lyons Road, application has been submitted to the SWC, hopefully if we make it on the August meeting, plans can begin. Karen will attend a SWC meeting on July 7th concerning changing the cost share from 75% to 65%. Joel Rostenberg suggested MWWS may be able to use the EAP generators. They will discuss this further and bring back to the Board.
2. Budget proposal for 2023: Chairman Bachmeier will meet with the MC Commission on July 14th to present the 2023 Budget. Budget was reviewed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the 2023 Budget. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
 3. Dam Hazard Classification: Letter came out from the DWR seeking public input on the administrative code updates. Concern is all the waters that are being put into high hazard, according to FEMA, but no one could afford to rebuild to make it high hazard. Mgr. Engelhardt will write up a testimony to bring forward to the meeting in August. Our district is concerned on how it would affect HL, Sweetbriar and Crown Butte, also Schwalbe Dam in Oliver which we cost share with OCWRD. Joel and Ron Sando are planning to do a table top scenario and include the OCWRD to attend. Ron Sando also inspected the HL north abutment and the downstream. It will need to be monitored and some day some reshaping may need to be done. They walked across the base of the dam. On the South abutment , melting snow has caused some erosion.

No seepage is coming from the dam. Need to find the 2 outlets to make sure they are not blocked. Mgr. Engelhardt said the toe drains were working properly.

5. Morton County Parks: They have allowed Rhonda Gross to bring a food truck to HL. Revenue at HL \$8,240 from past month, \$11,280 for the year. At the Park Board meeting, they approved to put \$10,000 along with the City of Mandan, and Mandan Park Board to study putting a boat ramp by the car bodies. Project is being led by both Park Boards. Jess Kist, AE2S Engineering, presented ideas for the boat ramp and the bank stabilization. The Water Boards involvement would be bank stabilization and permitting and apply for cost share for feasibility for bank stabilization thru MCWRD with the SWC. The boat ramp can only be built on the Mandan Parks & Rec. They are working to obtain funding from the ND Heritage Funds. This project will be in 2 phases: The land owned by Mandan Parks & Rec and phase 2 would be bank stabilization for the remainder of the MR Natural area which is approximately 1.63 miles. This Board is being asked to participate in the study and a commitment of funds of \$17,450 for the feasibility study. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to allow the MCWRD to move forward with the Feasibility study with a cost to the Board not to exceed \$17,450. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
6. EAP for HL: Joel Rostberg and Ron Sando completed the EAP for Square Butte Creek Watershed Dam No. 6, Harmon Lake. Ron delivered updates to the SWC, MC Commission, MC Sheriff, MC Parks & Rec, and to the MCWRD. Joel will continue to prepare for the table top exercise.
7. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to submit payment of \$22,660 to the HL Reserve Fund. Mgr. Wetsch seconded it. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve and pay the following bills. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>	<i>Memo:</i>
1362	Brenda Winckler	\$1327.93	Salary, equipment rent, lunch
1363	James Wetsch	\$785.96	Meetings, mileage, Dropbox fee
1364	James Schmidt	\$193.01	Meetings, mileage
1365	Michael Kemnitz	\$299.08	Meetings
1366	Bruce Engelhardt	\$447.89	Meetings, mileage
1367	Wade Bachmeier	\$436.36	Meetings
1368	Bair Law Firm	\$735.00	Legal fees
1369	Workforce Safety	\$251.39	Workers Comp

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.