

Morton County Water Resource District
Unapproved Minutes
March 23, 2022

1. The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10am on Wednesday, March 23, 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 and Carrie Schaner, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, Eric Dietrich, ND Parks and Rec, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, George Saxowsky, and Ron Sando via Skype.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the minutes from February 23, 2022. Mgr. Kemnitz 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 \$170,046 and expenditures, totaling \$108,206, of the MWWS for the month of February 2022. Manager Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Manager Engelhardt. MCU. Discussions on the following items: Mgr. Garvie created a letter to SWA to request increased flow to the Flasher area. Mgr. Schmidt moved to authorize Mgr. Garvie to sign and mail the letter to SWA. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. City of New Salem requested a fourth amendment to extend New Salem's water supply contract. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve signing the approval with New Salem. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Lyons Road has 9 people committed to signing up for water on the new project at Lyons Road. Mgr. Garvie presented an estimate off \$8,380 to purchase a new 2022 zero turn mower to be used at tank sites and the lot. The old one doesn't back up any more. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to allow Mgr. Garvie to purchase a new mower for MWWS not to exceed \$15,000. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Discussion regarding pay off of USDA loan: Mgr. Schmidt said we are protected in Century code, but has not been tested in court. SRF is working on legislation to close the loop hole, not to be able to contest it. Ramifications if we don't pay off: this office building is not ADA compliant, will be required to make this building compliant once we purchase the building. Carrie was given 2 weeks to go through all files of all applicants to determine race, gender, etc. Changes have been made to the form and if the applicants do not fill it out, Carrie has to guess the answers. Legal, Tom Bairs' recommendation is to pay it off. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to pay off the Rural Development Loan of \$189,857.08. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Fort Lincoln project: Eric Dietrich, ND Parks & Rec sent plans to Bryan Ziegler, B&W. Bryan has a contract to be signed in order to do a project from our meter pit station to their park grounds. ND Parks would reimburse both the MWWS and the engineering company for any funds used on the interior of this project. Mgr. Kemnitz recommends turning this Park project to a bulk user with added water capacity using a VFD pump. ARPA funds could be used for this project from the ND Parks & Rec. Our water line could be done up to the gate with the remaining funding for the interior project at the ND Parks & Rec which would be their expense. B&W rate will be an hourly rate. All archeological study will be conducted by ND P&R. If the meter pit needs to be changed for a higher flow, that would be the MWWS expense. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Manager to enter into a contract with B&W and pursue an agreement between MWWS and ND Parks & Recreation to be approved at the next meeting. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded

the motion. MCU. B&W also submitted a contract for design service for the South Mandan Expansion project which would be \$1.8 million projected cost for both projects, Lyons Road & Fort Rice. Mgr. Wetsch moved to allow Karin to sign the design service contract with B&W. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan reported that the last couple of jobs that have been bid, poly pipe has reduced cost compared to PVC tremendously. Companies are not using or making any PVC pipe this year. So Bryan may do the bidding as using poly pipe vs. PVC. PVC Pipe Mfg. will not give quotes on price or when they can get it. Contractors have so much work that there is a problem even getting bids for the projects. Cyber security at MWWS: Mgr. Wetsch reported we don't have any CC data hosted at MWWS, web site is hosted at a different location, SCADA can be used remotely, but has a good product password protection which includes a twice login, only thing Mgr. Wetsch recommends when we are moved off MGS network that the remote server we set up is secure. Audio works will be put on hold for now. May just install 1 TV for now so we can Skype with Ron. Building Inspection report: Mgr. Garvie and the Board reviewed the inspection report. MGS manager also received a copy of the report. Remodel projection cost is \$1 million. Chairman Bachmeier would also like the City Building inspector to inspect and find what needs to be done to the building. Also recommends getting a second opinion on the building inspection. Asked for an estimate for a new building and it came in about \$1.2 million.

5. Morton County Parks: Tim was not present, but Mgr. Wetsch reported Tammy will be back as Campground Host at HL. The \$5000 Sea Foam contribution would like to be used for a Grillo trail maintainer with harrow for a cost of \$6250 with a lead time of September or October 2022. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and purchase the Grillo trail maintainer not to exceed \$7000 to be reimbursed by the ND Community Foundation. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
6. Dam Inundation: Mgr. Schmidt discussed the inundation zone and where it is at and Andrea Travnicek, SWC, would like to meet with Mgr. Schmidt, Chairman Bachmeier, and Mgr. Engelhardt and Cody Schulz to determine the finalization of the inundation zones. Mgr. Engelhardt reported on the completion of the PMP study for ND and outside the boundaries of ND. One of its uses is when designing a new dam to determine medium or high hazard of these dams using a standard storm. If using the new PMP it must use a full PMP standard instead of ½ PMP standards as it was before causing it to be extremely expensive. Dam Safety Commission will do another pipe crawler demonstration at HL on April 14th at 9am.
7. Crown Butte Lagoon: Memo was made and given to the MC Commissioners just to let them know the shortfall on payments made to MCWRD of approximately \$15,728, which if we want to proceed, they could reassess the properties for the shortfall.
8. Harmon Lake: The Polaris UTV has had its recall work completed. Signage was discussed for on the UTV. Consensus of Board is to put MC Parks on the UTV at approximately \$50. There is about 1 foot of ice in the outlet pipe.
9. Missouri River E&A: Worked on the work plan, including budget and deliverables. Was approved to be on the SWC meeting agenda. 2 pre SWC meetings were held primarily with 3 commissioners of the MR and Mouse River. Estimated kickoff time May 1st. Ken Royce has been doing some preliminary work.
10. Next meeting date: April 27, 2022.

11. Financial Reports: Currently the Chairman has the authority to approve up to \$5000 expense without Board approval. Mgr. Schmidt moved to continue the authority of \$5000 for the Chairman. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to authorize MWWS Manager discretionary spending up to \$12,000 without Board pre-approval per occurrence. Mgr. Schmidt seconded it. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>	<i>Memo:</i>
1337	HUB International	\$33.00	Insurance
1338	ND Water Coalition	\$1000.00	Dues
1339	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$959.97	Meetings
1340	Bruce Engelhardt	\$193.59	Meeting, mileage
1341	Michael Kemnitz	\$642.66	Meetings, mileage
1342	James Schmidt	\$412.60	Meetings, mileage
1343	James Wetsch	\$412.67	Meetings, mileage
1344	Brenda Winckler	\$1384.54	Salary, equip rent Lunch reimbursement Microsoft subscription
EFT	IRS	\$723.66	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.