

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

March 28, 2018

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on March 28, 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 and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, Roger Hille, temporary Highway employee, Bill Robinson, LHWRD, and Paula Kvernum, NRCS.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the amended minutes from February 28, 2018. Mgr. Wetsch 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 \$126,461 and expenditures totaling \$110,295 of the MWWS for the month of February 2018. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz gave the following report to the Board: Future decisions for location of the MWWS office: MorGranSou is doing research on the purchase of the Basin Electric property and possibly offer the current location to MWWS. Other options are there may be a spot in the new office location for the MWWS and sell this location or MWWS build their own office. Dusty & Hunter both completed the requirements and received their license as certified distribution operators. The 2 vehicles with utility boxes have arrived and are paid for. Cty. Road 140 and Riverside Place has a total of 37 lots that have been purchased and not called to lock in water. If they do not lock in the water there is no guarantee that they will get the water. Mgr. Kemnitz reported the cost of a pump station and parallel lines to increase water supply in this area could cost \$500,000. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to allow Mgr. Kemnitz the discretion to issue letters to the 37 landowners alerting them to the supply status of water subject to legal counsel. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to allow MWWS to investigate the water extension project at County Road 140 pending SWC funding availability. MCU. Easement policy for landowners: Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to adopt the Easement Policy for developers as presented to the Board. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to add Craig Keidel as a check signer for MWWS. MCU. Karen reported the audit is done and went very well.
5. Water Resource District Meeting: April 4th 1pm-4pm.

6. MC Highway: Temporary MC Employee Roger Hille was present to discuss payment of the 2012 HL paving project. The total bill was \$404,629.19; a grant was received for \$125,000 so the remaining balance is \$279,629.19. The MC Highway did the labor at their expense. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve payment of \$279,629.19 to the MC Highway Dept for paving at HL. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Sec-Treas. Winckler will transfer funds from Starion Market Savings account to Wells Fargo for this check. Roger recommends doing a chip seal instead of the micro seal coat planned for this spring. They will request bids from contractors and get back to the Board. They will also install a culvert as requested by the Board on the easement property.
7. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that the wood fencing has arrived. Discussion was held concerning paving the dump station. Tim feels it is ok and we can hold off until it becomes an issue. Training exercise, Free Wheeling, for MC Emergency Management will be held at Harmon Lake bike trail on May 23rd. Mgr. Wetsch reported the grant for the next bike extension was submitted and will hear back in April for a 2019 project.
8. Lower Heart WRD: Bill Robinson was present to discuss the LHWRD Flood Risk Reduction Project. The purpose is to keep their flood status. The plan is 90% complete. They will need 10 years to do the project at an estimate of \$36 million. The plan needs to be completed by September-October of 2018. If SWC pays 60% of the project the remainder may be assessed to the inundation property. FEMA status has passed the 1st inspection at a 75-25 cost share.
9. MC O&M Inspections: Paula Kvernum was present to set up a time for inspections of Harmon Lake and Square butte. The inspection is scheduled for May 9th at 8am to meet at the NRCS office. Almont and Flasher inspection will be held on May 15th. Paula asked for any volunteers for the Water Festival to be held on April 10th at the Engage Church. Tony will volunteer for the Water Festival.
10. MC Projects: Tony Goetzfried reported that when the Zachmeier CAT project was completed last year there was a lot of dirt remaining on the roadway. Tony suggests removing the dirt and put down crushed asphalt. The Board asked Tony to coordinate with Entzel Trucking to complete this project. Discussion was held concerning access to the 80 acres of HL. Natalie Pierce stated it will work on either leasing or purchasing access. The easement at Martins Development now has a MorGranSou transformer in the middle of the easement which will make it difficult to get to the HL property on that easement. The Board will do more research on how to get to that part of HL.
11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
5779	Bair Law Firm	\$700.00	Legal Fees
5786	Wade Bachmeier	\$197.01	Meetings, mileage
5787	Tony Goetzfried	\$176.06	Payroll, supplies
5788	George Saxowsky	\$187.18	Meetings, mileage
5789	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
5790	James Wetsch	\$199.35	Meetings, mileage

5791	Brenda Winckler	\$1056.75	Salary, equip rent Lunch, supplies for mtgs.
EFT	IRS	\$363.94	Payroll taxes
5792	Brown & Saenger	\$149.08	Voucher forms
5793	MC Highway	\$279,629.19	HL Pavement project 2012

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.