

UNAPPROVED  
MORTON. COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

March 29, 2023

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the Missouri West Water office at 2816 37<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas, Managers: Jamie Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, James Schmidt, Karen Garvie, MWWS, Tom Bair, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Jesse Kist, MC P&Z, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, Dan Dorfschmidt, Jesse Hehr, Abe Ulmer, ILSE, Randy Rhone, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, and Mike Gunsch.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023 meeting. Mgr.Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested the minutes be sent to Legal Counsel, the County auditor and SWC.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Kemnitz, portfolio manager, reported on the following. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$142,000 and expenditures totaling \$129,138, of the MWWS for the month of February 2023. Mgr. Kemnitz made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Karen requested abatement from the City of Mandan tax on the office building. We continue to pay the specials. Once approved they will refund the tax paid. Bryan submitted the plans for Lyons Road to DEQ. Waiting on comments, and will have application for funding in by April 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. Honey Hills Estate: Natalie Pearce was present to discuss input for the development, would like a unified statement as how many lots can be served. Developer has submitted for the 1<sup>st</sup> addition. Bryan Ziegler, B&W has done a hydraulic survey on the east side, can serve the 22 with the direct connection on the 1<sup>st</sup> addition of Honey Hills. If the application comes in for the entire west side, B&W will identify how many can be done, and then look at it overall in phases. Jesse Hehr, who currently lives in Entzel 11, states he does not have enough water pressure and is concerned what will happen to him if this is built. He says pressure is at the water pit, but does not make it to the home. He wants current customers to receive adequate water first before more are put on the system. Bryan will do research to determine if there is a blockage or what causes the drop in the Entzel 11 subdivision. Jesse Kist asked if MWWS does pressure testing on a regular basis or how confident is Bryan on the pressure model. What is equivalent for a commercial vs. residential lot? Bryan determined 1 service unit per lot. Dan Dorfschmidt responded he's concerned that it will decrease his flow once they are built. If a storage tank is to be used, that it is large enough to provide during peak times. Chairman Bachmeier determined to call a brief recess to the meeting when it appeared that a verbal altercation was imminent between Mgr. Kemnitz and P&Z Director Pearce as a result of Ms. Pearce's outburst towards Mgr. Kemnitz. Meeting proceeded at 11:30. At that point Chairman Bachmeier asked P&Z Director Pearce if she had adequate information for her initial question of "input for the development, and a unified statement as to how many lots can be served". Pearce stated she did have the requested information and summarized her wording based on previous discussion.

6. Dam Hazard Classification: Bruce reported that the Board sent a letter and if there is a risk of loss of life will make it a high hazard dam. The railway and highway do not factor into changing the HL hazard classification. They need to clarify some of the situations, concerning cresting, but feels the report is pretty well done. Says you don't have to change to high hazard unless there is a permit-able action taking place. Regular maintenance does not need a permit. Jesse Kist will submit a letter asking for clarification and cc the Board into it and make some tweaks to make the HL Dam Inundation to match their report. Mgr. Engelhardt will also write a letter to clarify certain issues.
7. Water Bills: Bill 2020 Mgr Schmidt reported that \$30 million in resource trust fund to pay off WAWS will now make WAWS take a loan out for that and makes that \$\$ available and Bismarck is requesting that amount. Rural water is currently at \$40 million. Currently can borrow money at 2% for 40 years. \$76 million will be earmarked for the Minot flood program. They need more than that. RR Valley will have funds earmarked. MR will not have any funds earmarked. 2372 bill for water sheds. Talking joint water boards for each county will be working together. If this passes the MRJB can be drastically expanded.
8. Morton County Parks: Tim reported that Doosan Bobcat will spend their day of caring to prepare the ground where MC Parks will build the shelter at HL. Mgr. Engelhardt and Wetsch examined the pipe and there is water trickling out of it and will set the date to close the HL.
9. Video on Dam Safety Inspection for owners and operators: The Board watched the information video.
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier to contact an appraiser to do a yellow book appraisal for the Harmon Inundation Zone and retain the appraiser on behalf of the MCWRD with a fee not to exceed \$5000, which will be applied to the appraisal fee in the event the District proceeds with said appraisal. Mgr. Kemnitz seconded the motion. MCU.
11. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<b>CK#</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>MEMO:</b>
1431	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$349.09	Meetings
1432	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.85	Meetings, mileage
1433	Michael Kemnitz	\$1088.95	Meetings, mileage
1434	James Schmidt	\$390.36	Meetings, mileage
1435	James Wetsch	\$391.59	Meetings, mileage
1436	Brenda Winckler	\$1313.53	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$739.30	Payroll taxes
1437	AE2S	\$5455.75	MR Bank Stabilization
1438	Bair Law Firm	\$1000.00	Legal Fees

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