

UNAPPROVED

MORTON. COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

March, 31, 2021

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Badlands Room in the Comfort Inn 1516 27th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas, Bruce Engelhardt, George Saxowsky, Jamie Wetsch, Karen Garvie and Carrie Schaner, MWWS, Mike Kemnitz, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Ron Sandro via skype, MC Commissioner Andy Zachmeier, Natalie Pierce, P&Z, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Karen reported on the following items: Monthly reports were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$215,074 expenditures totaling \$167,187 of the MWWS for the month of February 2021. MWWS did not use all of the project funds for the 2020 projects and money will be sent back to SWC. Manager Wetsch moved to accept and place these reports in file. Manager Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Update on Motsiff subdivision: Received a call from Jim Schmidt for a family requesting water since 1998 due to cultural sensitivity. Karen did all the research from the beginning and archeological fees could be around \$750,000. Has spoken with State Historical Society. Landowner needs to meet with and do the archeological study. Karen reported on the Flasher tank study. Contacted B&W to get cost estimate to rehab or build. Estimate to rehab and bring inlet connection to the tank is \$316,000. Tank replacement 200,000 gallon tank moved to a better area: \$993,000. Karen recommends tabling this project to a later date. Audit is being performed. Projects completed: booster pump 1 & 2, hatch covers have been installed. Craig is looking at disconnects at pump stations using a generator hookup. One has been installed at booster pump #2 by New Salem. Meter change outs 60 have been switched to new, goal is to install 400 by end of year. New Salem tank is scheduled for rehab in July 2021. Discussion on the extreme drought condition: anticipating more pasture taps requests. SWC will hold a meeting in April to determine if a cost share will be available for new pasture taps. Account # 1627 carries a balance of \$327.61. Water has been shut off and no contact can be made with the owner. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve writing off Acct. # 1657 of the MWWS. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Chairman Bachmeier would like to move forward on appointing a Manager of MWWS. Wendy Bent, MC HR, recommends putting application online on the MC website. Recommends Board approval before the application is submitted online. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to allow Chairman to request MC HR to prepare application for approval from the Board of the Manager of MWWS before submitting application online with final approval of hire by the MCWRD. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported: Tim received a quote from ABC Boat Docks for additional section to get the kayaks into the water. \$4743.00 with MC Parks doing the labor. Tim may have to get a backhoe down there to move dirt to be able to get a way to stabilize the dock. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to purchase additional sections for kayak launch and dirt removal not to exceed \$8000 using

the HL Rec. funds for payment. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. The floating fishing pier is not in water. Will need an extension of 20-30. Ft. To keep it accessible. Tim recommends its too expensive to move it out to the water. The Board will back the decision Tim makes. Tim will also make the decision to pull all fire rings until fires are allowed. MC Commissioner Zachmeier recommends installing car counter at HL. The County has a counter which counts axles and Tim can do an adjustment for axles. Frontier Precision has drones as a pilot program to do weed spraying and will do a practice run at HL. Mgr. Engelhardt will be getting spurge beetles for personal use and will check if he can get additional bugs for HL. Mgr. Wetsch will get signage for the new UTV stating it belongs to the MCWRD. Also would like strobing light or light bar. Mgr. Wetsch will get bids on a light system. The building to be placed on the trail for the maintenance equipment should be no less than 16x16. Donation has been made of \$5000 towards this building. Mgr. Wetsch will get estimates for a concreted 16x24 pole structure and report back next meeting. Power will be turned on this week. Water will be turned on once freezing temperatures are gone.

6. Mgr. Bachmeier submitted an article in the April Water Magazine with information regarding water issues.
7. Outlet Pipe at HL: Pipe was frozen. Mgr. Engelhardt has been checking on pipe and it is open. Mgr. Engelhardt does not see any damage to the pipe. Frontier Precision has volunteered to send a pipe crawler up the pipe to check for any damage once the ice is gone. There was a seep close to the pipe but Ron Sandro said that has been there before the dam was completed. It still needs to be watched.
8. HL Dam Inundation: Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, discussed ordinance for dam inundation. What has been passed is acceptable and need to present to MC Commission. Next step is to present a verbal presentation, including purpose and intent, flood control with recreation being secondary. Also classified as medium hazard as governed by State Engineer and risks that will be. There are 3 zones for impacts which should include 3 open meetings for citizen input, 2 meetings which led to adoption and it now is left for MC Commissioner for approval. Will be presented on April 8th to the MC Commission.
9. Missouri River Advisory Council: Need to restart process to submit education. There are new members on the Board. They would like to reinstate Terry Fleck as the at large member with Lance Gaebe as alternate. MC does not have a primary rep on MRAC. Consensus of the Board is to submit Bruce Engelhardt as MR Advisory Council to the MC Commission.
10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.

| CK# | NAME: | AMOUNT: | MEMO: |
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| 1226 | Missouri West Water | \$2168.00 | HUB insurance |
| 1227 | Comfort Inn | \$75.00 | Room Rent |
| 1228 | Innovative Office Solution | \$166.24 | Voucher forms |
| 1229-1232 VOIDS | | | |
| 1233 | Bruce Engelhardt | \$398.50 | Meetings, mileage |
| 1234 | George Saxowsky | \$194.68 | Meetings, mileage |
| 1235 | James Wetsch | \$1038.70 | Meetings, mileage, posts Battery, bobcat repair |

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| 1236 | Brenda Winckler | \$1049.70 | Salary, equip rent, lunch |
| 1237 | Wade Bachmeier | \$498.69 | Meetings |

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.