

Morton County Water Resource District
May 29, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37^t St. NW, Mandan, ND.

2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, James Schmidt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, Craig Keidel MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Natalie Pearce MC P&Z, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, Chuck Mork, Cole Higlin, Mandan Park & Rec, Jesse Kist, MC Parks, Amir Moslemian, Retract Managing Director, and Tom Bair.

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the April 24, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$288,867 and expenditures totaling \$412,941 of the MWWS for the month of April 2024. Manager Engelhardt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. With pressure concerns in the Fort Rice area MWWS will be putting pressure recorders in that area. Craig did some research and the meter system can get pressure readers in the system but will not be available for a year. Craig picked up 2 pressure recorders to put on the flush valve at Ft. Rice and River View Heights for 3 months which will download to the computer system. Flasher tank sprung another leak. It also has some weepers that dry up after a while. Quarterly inspections are completed. Pasture taps have started using water. Lyons Road tie in has been done. Still waiting on BN permits, which they now have changes they want on the permits, so Carstensen has left for a different job. Mgr. Norton moved to pay the payment request No. 4 for \$396,919 from Carstensen Construction. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Garvie will work on rate structures for the June meeting. Rural Water Systems 50th anniversary meeting is in July if any Board Members want to attend. SWWA Board of Directors donated \$10,000 for the Missouri River Joint Board. Summit Carbon Solutions may have to cross under the water line north in Oliver County. Discussion with the water boards involved concerning having a statewide permit process for CO₂ or pipeline crossings. Honey Hills are focusing on the east side of the development and waiting on the west side. Mosfit Development has had some archaeological study completed and laid out some restricted areas.

5. Retract CO₂: Natalie Pearce was present to discuss the Retract CO₂ project. Water will be purchased from SWWA and currently Morton County has no drainage projects in that location. There is nothing in the land use codes that address this. Industrial Commission has final decision on these projects. At the last P&Z meeting discussion on a moratorium process for direct air capture has been started but they can still apply by the July 11th meeting. At the last hearing, they did not know which equipment they will be using to see how much water, power etc. for commercial use and what happens to the water and what is the quality of it that they use. It's a concept and no execution has been made. There is no data on if it can affect ground water. Not much data on anything on this project. Amir Moslemian, Retract LLC, Managing Director was present to find out any issues of concern with the MCWRD. Estimated 62,000 gallons of water a day to be hauled by trucks.

6. Harmon Lake: Chuck Mork, son of Andy Mork, who served on the MCWRD for many years and loved the Missouri River and started the thought of building Dam Site #6 for flood control and recreation came to present a check to the MCWRD for \$7272.39 to be used for a multi use building at Harmon

Lake. It will be named the Andy Mork Memorial Building. Cole Higlin, Mandan P&R was present, and agreed to help with plans for a building like the buildings Mandan P&R have completed. Mgr. Engelhardt checked out the location of the beaver dam and he thinks that's the majority of the problem with the water and the toe drains. Commissioner Zachmeier reported a washout by the Orr land.

7. Mandan Boat Ramp: Preliminary project design coming off of River Drive NE, was presented by Jesse Kist, which includes concrete, pavers, rip rap and seeding, and includes 43 trailer parking stalls, 24 standard stalls and a staging area. There will be a 190 foot concrete ramp, permitting is ongoing, the section 32 federal structure installed by the COE. They received a letter of approval from the State to go ahead with the project, waiting on formal determination from the COE to determine if a 408 permit is required. Hoping for when permitting is complete, construction to begin late fall. Grant funding has to be spent by May 2025 but may need to ask for extension. Total project cost is \$1.6 million. Grant was for \$800,000. Has other contributions pending. Jesse had discussions with G&F regarding contributions for a fish cleaning station. Designing the ramp was done to be functional in all conditions.

8. Marvin Miller, Complaint for water related issues: Mr. Millers' land is adjacent to the landowner along the creek where a beaver dam is located and backing up the water onto his land. He would like the beaver dam removed and the other land owner will only allow the beavers to be moved but has had no correspondence from the land owner. A letter was drafted by Tom Bair to DWR concerning removal of the dam. Statutory procedure if it is a certified water course, the Board can request removal of the dam by the landowner, and if not, the Board can proceed to remove and bill the landowner. Since last summer the dam has risen 1 to 1 ½ ft.

9. Sunflo: Sheri Desciak, Business Development Manager for Sunflo was present to discuss the Sunflo proposal. Changed the storage of the units, they would like to leave in the water. They would provide the flat bottom boat and the lifting device for installation would be the Boards responsibility. Liability clause, we would be liable for any accidents or injuries. Life expectancy is 20-30 years, lease option: \$30,000 per year on anniversary date or \$2500/month. A better option instead of cables would be an anchor. She will check on that. Cables would not be a good option for a recreation facility. Due to this being experimental, they may allow us to use the product for 1 year and if it works, then bill.

10. Financial Reports: DCB 6 month DC due on May 30th. Consensus of the Board is to let it roll over for another 6 months at 5% interest. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1544	ND Water Coalition	\$1000.00	Annual dues
1545	Office of State Auditor	\$4492.00	Audit Fee
1546	Workforce Safety	\$250.00	Insurance
1547	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$261.82	Meetings
1548	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1549	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1550	James Wetsch	\$587.10	Meetings, mileage
1551	Brenda Winckler	\$1309.53	Salary, equip rent
1552	James Wetsch	\$119.88	Dropbox subscription
EFT	IRS	\$508.34	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas