

UNAPPROVED

November 25, 2020

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met at 10am by Go to Meet on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Bruce Engelhardt, Jamie Wetsch, Jim Schmidt, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Karen Garvie, MWWS, Ron Sando, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2020 meeting and the Special minutes from November 3rd, and the 4th. Manager Schmidt 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: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$183,261 and expenditures, totaling \$247,181 of the MWWS for the month of October 2020. There are no past 60 days for billing at MWWS. Mgr. Engelhardt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Reimbursement from SWC for the project will be included in November profit and loss. Loan payment was made to USDA. Fee from Starion is for automatic bank drafts. Karen reported on the following items. The modified contract with the City of New Salem for water needs to be approved. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Hookups for 2020 are at 53: 31 are from Maverick Estates. 181 Pasture taps have been read. This will be reflected in November's reports. SWWA rate went up \$.10/1000. Rates for 2021: Because of the pandemic hardship, discussion was held on rate increases. A 10 cent increase based on this year's gallons would increase \$7200. Mgr. Schmidt moved to increase rate \$.08/1000. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Project review: Hwy 25/Harmon Loop is completed. Close out documents should be received in the next couple weeks. Crown Butte tank cleaned and painted: airport tank completion from last year has been completed. Document storage has been launched. After paper documents are complete, Sadie will begin the DropBox documents. Meter replacement projects are continuing. 14 meters have been installed and working great. Working on meter pits due to the Covid 19. Hopefully next spring work can begin in homes. Booster pump #1: that feeds Crown Butte tank handled all the demand for the whole water system. It is 2 pumps that will need to be rehabbed. Cost estimate will be approximately \$17,000 for the 2 pumps. This was done last in 2009. This will be a 2021 project. Discussion was

held concerning a bonus for MWWS employees for all the hard work on the 2020 projects. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to give bonuses up to \$10,000 total after taxes as recommended by the Manager. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Payroll increases for 2020. COLA is currently 3% would equal \$11,000. Karen would feel comfortable with a 2% Payroll increase equaling \$7200/year increase. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to increase payroll by 2%. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Schmidt reported the last biennium water put in \$27 million. Next year's recommendation from the coalition is \$3.9 million for the next biennium. Karen had only 1 project along Hwy. 1806 that would probably fall into this time frame. Cost could be approximately \$. Mgr. Schmidt recommends putting that project on a list for future projects. Mgr. Schmidt reported on meeting for the Mandan dyke. There has been a significant change to \$\$ due to prepare for ice jam instead of flood reducing cost of the project. The local share has not been discussed with the public yet.

5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that the new shelter #4 will be taking reservations. Will install BBQ grills at #1 and #4 shelters. MC Park Board suggested the Board purchase an additional grill for #1 at a cost of approximately \$500 so there would be 2 grills at #1. Consensus of Board is to try 1 first and see if an additional one will be needed. The shelter has been placed: total cost for the shelter is \$5828.27. Depending use of this shelter, Mgr. Schmidt suggested placing another shelter in the future. The beautiful bench in memory of Tony Goetzfried has been placed at HL. Tim would like to move some pine trees from the nursery close to the bench. Tim will check with Trees on the Move for next spring's moving. Tim has a light pole available to be placed near the tornado shelter. Tim will take the Sweetbriar EAP manual to the MWWS office. Season to date: \$40, 688. Vault toilets are still open until freeze up. There is ice fishing going on at HL, so Tim won't do a draw down until spring.
6. Polaris UTV purchase: Mgr. Schmidt ordered the UTV from Action Sports. Estimated time of arrival middle of December.
7. Flasher Drainage: Mgr. Engelhardt reported work is in progress. Model is near completion. They will start on improvements as soon as it is completed maybe beginning in the spring.
8. Planning & Zoning Meeting: Preliminary discussion was held on the HL Breech zone. The change of criteria will come from the standpoint of building on existing property; the condition under which you build is what matters. Natalie suggested if the State is not ready to make the decision, the County needs to make a statement what assumptions are reasonable for this county and the ordinance should be based on that. Consensus of the Board is to allow Natalie to have MC Commissioners set the standards based on 2011 flood information. What additional modifications would be needed to bring forth for the MC Commission meeting? Mike Gunsch will provide updated mapping of this particular

subdivision and decide which map to use for the next commission meeting. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to authorize Mike Gunsch to proceed with updating the mapping per the Board's recommendation. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.

9. Otter Creek Cleanout: Mike reported Midwest Dragline is doing additional cleanout and has done a nice job. Travis Johnson will complete a walk thru and close out the project.
10. December Meeting: There will be no December meeting.
11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to pay the annual payment with a 3% increase which will be \$20,600 to the O&M HL Account. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

There being no further business, motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2pm.