

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on November 28, 2018 at the Baymont Inn, 2611 Old Red Trail, 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, Ray Christensen, via phone, Ron Sando, via Skype, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Bill Robinson, LHWRD, Alan Schlag, National Weather Service, Vern Hanson, USGS, and Dan Ferrell, SWC
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the minutes from October 31, 2018. Mgr. 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 \$159,424 and expenditures totaling \$135,370, of the MWWS for the month of October 2018. Mgr. Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed the following topics with the Board. Discussion was held on the potential purchase of the MGS building. The Board discussed purchasing the building and leasing it back to MGS until their new office is completed. The value of the building is approximately \$1.1 Million. Tom Bair will prepare a proposed purchase agreement offering \$1.1 million but they must purchase our purchased lot at face value. The Building extension fund has funds available for this purchase. In return MWWS would lease back to MGS their current use of this building. Currently MGS uses 80% and MWWS 20%. Mgr. Kemnitz recommends proceeding with this. Mgr. Schmidt and Mgr. Christensen feel our members would agree to this conservative move of purchasing verses building a new location. The building was inspected and appraised by Dakota Appraisal. Mgr. Schmidt moved to proceed with the offer to MGS for the purchase of 2816 37th St NW at a price of \$1.1 million. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. Schmidt: yes, Saxowsky: yes, Wetsch: yes, Christensen: yes, Bachmeier: yes. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to allow the terms of the lease to be negotiated between Mgr. Kemnitz, Tom Bair and Chairman Bachmeier. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reported the Flasher mixer in tank failed. They ordered a new one at \$24,000 to replace it. Mgr. Wetsch moved to change the holiday schedule for MWWS to allow 8 holidays and 1 float. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Christensen moved to approve a 2.9% COLA adjustment for employees pay for 2019. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. There has been an increase in the cost of water from SWA to \$.81/1000. Their base rate is included in the water price. MWWS has a separate line item for the base rate. Bartlett & West is working on the projects for 2019 and will

report in the 1st Qtr. Of 2019. There have been false reports on no water available from MWWS. There may be capacity issues but they are getting fixed. There is water available. A step by step process is done for anyone requesting water. The Mgr. does not pick and choose who receives water.

5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported the trees have been ordered for the nursery and WTR. The nursery trees will be Burr Oak & Hackberry. WTR will have June berry and Amur maple. The income from HL for 2018 totaled \$42,931, down \$1225 from 2017. Overall was a good season. Wayne Schmaltz will trap beavers at HL this winter. BEK will hire a technician to put electricity to their building. Currently it is hooked to the group pad, but the power gets turned off in the winter. Tom Bair will renew the contract with Paddle On for the 2019 season. Tony Goetzfried will check with MC Highway on a vehicle counter for the entrance of HL. He would also like to contact a fencing company to replace the fence on the NW side next spring. Also, MC Hiway will move dirt for us next spring.
6. Dam Breech: Mike Gunsch created a letter concerning the Dam Breech zone and sent it to the SWC. Ron Sando suggested requesting 50% cost share from the SWC for all the work being completed by Houston Engineering. Bruce Engelhardt suggested asking for work completed from today on. Mike Gunsch amended Appendix D and possibly can discuss this with people at the SW Convention. Burleigh County requested updating stages of the Missouri River and shape files based on mapping to determine where the levy can be built. Dept. of Emergency Services may have some funding for the mapping, depending on the level of disaster. Mike Gunsch will speak with Paul Prince at Morton County who does the GIS mapping for Morton County. Garrison Dam has increased the flows and the Missouri River mapping shows up to 2 ft. of scouring. Burleigh County is doing the mapping, not Morton Cty.
7. LHWRD: Bill Robinson, Alan Schlag, Vern Hanson, and Dan Ferrell were present to discuss the gauges on the Heart River and the Big Muddy River near Almont. Currently LHWRD pays for gauges including 1 on the Heart River, and 1 on the Big Muddy near Almont totaling \$12,220. They no longer want to maintain these and would like MCWRD to do so. USGS currently pays \$5130 and would like MCWRD to pay \$7090 as they feel we maintain that location. The cost share from USGS is from Congress and used to be a 50-50 match, but has since decreased to 54-46 match. Benefits from this would be better management of the water resources in the basin, flood plain mapping, bridge design, and frequency of water quality. It can also forecast flooding of the Heart River for Mandan locations. Bill Robinson reported he would offer to pay 1/3 of the bill for starters. The Big Muddy is seasonal, 7-8 months of the year but is a benefit to the ranchers of Morton County. Consensus of the Board was to pay a share but not all of it. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to pay \$2000 toward the Big Muddy Gauging near Almont. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Bill Robinson also reported on the flood control project. They have been reviewing the tax district lines and would like to pull back land from the MCWRD west of 8th Ave. to No. 19th Street and place into the LHWRD. The Board requested the taxable \$\$ that

would be transferred and a map showing the redistricting lines. The City of Mandan is requesting LHWRD to do this. Mike Gunsch will check with Paul Prince at Morton County to locate the lines. LHWRD and the City of Mandan will continue this discussion.

8. Financials: Mgr. Saxowsky moved to keep the CD at BNC at a 2.2% interest for 17months. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay ½ of a new printer for Sec-Treas. Brenda Winckler. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

| <u>CK#</u> | <u>NAME:</u> | <u>AMOUNT:</u> | <u>MEMO:</u> |
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| 5881 | Bair Law Firm | \$1100.00 | Legal fees |
| 5882 | Houston Engineering | \$4773.50 | Dam Breech services |
| 5883 | Missouri West Water | \$35.00 | Water Fees WTR |
| 5884 | Wade Bachmeier | \$249.35 | Meetings, mileage |
| 5885 | Tony Goetzfried | \$55.41 | Meetings |
| 5886 | George Saxowsky | \$187.17 | Meetings, mileage |
| 5887 | James Schmidt | \$141.17 | Meetings, mileage |
| 5888 | James Wetsch | \$141.00 | Meetings |
| 5889 | Brenda Winckler | \$1003.59 | Salary, equip rent, stamps |
| 5890 | Baymont Inn | \$214.89 | Room rent, lunch |
| 5891 | Brenda Winckler | \$184.74 | ½ Laser printer |
| 5892 | Missouri West Water | \$286.50 | Water |
| EFT | IRS | \$345.62 | Payroll taxes |

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

Wade M Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas