

Unapproved
MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

October 25, 2023

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, via Face Time, Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Mike Kemnitz, Jim Schmidt, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas, Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel and Ron Sando.
3. Vice Chair Wetsch called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following items: Monthly reports were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$239,952 and expenditures totaling \$202,103 of the MWWS for the month of September 2023. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Manager Engelhardt. MCU. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Kemnitz moved to approve the 3rd Quarter reports. Mgr Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Worked on the Rules and Reg for MWWS. Most are grammatical issues, but under Construction: Discussion under Developer Conversion: when property is sold, the developer may transfer the unit of a Standard subscription and the new owner of property will be responsible for the standard hookup fee, less the amount paid by the original applicant for the unit. Mgr. Garvie will check with Tom Bair on putting a list penance of the properties if the developer does not pay the monthly base fee after 13 months and present to the Board at the next meeting. Contractor Carstensen Contracting Inc. sent an application for payment #1 requesting approval for \$82,656 for 70% of mobilization for the 2023-2024 Lyons Road project. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and Mgr. Kemnitz second the motion. MCU. Bryan Ziegler has had meetings with Carstensen who still plan to start this fall about November 1st. Routes have begun to be flagged. Mgr. Kemnitz has concerns about additional lots after this water line is laid, will there be enough water. Water loss should be due to pasture taps. Will be read in November. CD # ending in 0082 is due on Sept 15th; Starion has agreed to adjust the rate to 5.25% on an 11 month CD.
5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported on the following: Tim presented a bill of \$8570.76 for the shelter built at HL. Did not have to hire other than the pouring of the cement pad. MC Highway will weld the supports so the Parks can put the metal siding on. Docks have been pulled, pumping of the vault toilets will be done shortly. Power will be turned off on the 13th of November. Still have to get the flag poles and gate for the flood control. This won't be completed until 2024. Revenue for HL \$33,969 for the season. Counter will be placed next spring. Advertising for Campground Host will begin at the end of November. Chairman Wetsch and Engelhardt were inspecting HL outflow and Engelhardt would like to put a staff gauge on the outlet. Water is low and could be done. Engelhardt will check on prices and get back to the Board. There was expected opposition to the discussion of a boat ramp on the Missouri River at the MC County Commissions last meeting.

Concern that the road was too narrow for 2 pontoons to pass. Grain Park road is 26 ft. Wide and this road is 24 ft. Wide.

6. Harmon Lake: There is still a flow coming out of the intake structure. May need to send a crawler or a diver down to check for leakage. There are also several beaver lodges and cattails by the toe drain of the dam. Beavers are currently being trapped. May need to send a track hoe to eliminate them. Will need to determine which land belongs to the railroad or Water Board. Annual O&M payment for the HL fund is due for 2023. Discussion was held concerning taking that fund out and placing in CD fund at a rate after COLA of 5% to \$23,800. Secretary Winckler will check on interest rates for CDs and report back next month.
7. Zachmeier CAT: Tom Bair sent the annual renewal letter to the MC Commissioners to keep the tax assessment set for Zachmeier CAT.
8. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO:</u>
1492	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$174.54	Meetings
1493	Bruce Engelhardt	\$300.46	Meetings, mileage
1494	Michael Kemnitz	\$325.28	Meetings, mileage DropBox fee
1495	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1496	James Wetsch	\$494.59	Meetings, mileage
1497	Brenda Winckler	\$1503.19	Salary, equip rent Lunch reimbursed
EFT	IRS	\$594.74	Payroll tax
1498	HUB Insurance	\$493.95	Liability insurance
1499	HUB Insurance	\$37.00	Additional Insurance

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

James Wetsch, Vice President

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas