

Unapproved

October 28, 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, October 28, 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, Mike Kemnitz, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Travis Helfrich, Coal Country Coffee, Mike Gunsch & Travis Johnson, Houston Engineering, Natalie Pearce, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, and Ron Sando.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the amended minutes for the September 30, 2020 meeting. Manager Saxowsky 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 \$492,139 and expenditures, totaling \$541,066 of the MWWS for the month of September 2020. Mgr. Wetsch made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Karen reported on the following items. Travis Helfrich, Coal Country Coffee was present to discuss a land proposal on purchased land of MWWS. Consensus of the Board is to not sell the land for another year. The lot was purchased with reserves from MWWS. Water loss has dropped to half due to pasture taps. Water sales are down due to time of the season. O&M increase is yearly payment to McGuire Iron for the 5 year maintenance agreement. Still waiting on closing of project which will be sent in for reimbursement. 3rd quarter reports were reviewed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. City of Mandan replaced their 30 inch water line. They are hoping to complete project Thursday. Rates will be discussed at the November meeting. Mgr. Schmidt reported on City of Mandan water intake project. Bids were over what was expected by \$9 million. SWC approved the extra \$9 million. They received 62% of the cost. State Budget meeting OMB oil revenue budget thru Sept \$2.8 million actual \$2.2 million shortfall of \$600,000. Karen has no projects for the next bi-annum.
5. City of Flasher: Stewart Merritt owns land in Flasher. Wetsch and Bachmeier met in Flasher, appeared drainage issues in roads and the culvert. Entered into agreement with City to provide services to find out where projects were. Survey crew and Bruce were there Tuesday. Engelhardt explained: Surveyed from east end thru park to downstream.

Looks like the majority of the problem could be solved by cleaning ditches and eliminating the high spots. Someone piled up dirt on intersection which floods intersection. Maybe existing culverts are okay if the channels run properly. No defined drainage. Engelhardt suggests having a meeting with the City of Flasher after we receive the SWC information to provide education on how to keep the drainage working. Bruce suggests starting downstream and work upstream.

6. Lower Otter Creek: Travis Johnson reported, Midway Dragline plans to start Monday. Equipment is out there. Contract documents need to be signed. Quote is same as before. Where Otter Creek meets Square Creek, there is a small amount of snagging and clearing that needs to be done. There is a beaver dam, which could be removed so the water can go thru before project begins.
7. Inundation Zone: Mike Gunsch reported that he has cleaned up and presented a new resolution. A letter will be sent to Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z with a one line change. Breech zone mapping has been updated. Next step will be approving and signing resolution, and approval to submit. This will include the power point presentation, resolution, and all will be placed on the agenda. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and sign the resolution, approve the updated power point presentation and submit to P&Z. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
8. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported: Shelter will be completed by end of week. Tim thinks the cost will be close to \$6500. Fencing is being worked on. Slab for memorial bench for Tony Goetzfried has been placed and waiting on company to place bench on it. Power will stay on until after Deer hunting opening and will lock vault toilets at the same time. Summer was a record summer. HL \$40,628 revenue from camp grounds. UTV at HL: Cost of a new UTV: Action Sports: Trade in \$4700, \$17,600 remainder \$12,900. Waiting on estimate to include cab, air and heat. MC Parks would maybe purchase the used UTV. Tim will check with the Park Board and Tom Bair will check on sales to another entity at fair market value. Consensus of the Board is to have Mgr. Schmidt get bids from Polaris and Can Am and return for the next meeting.
9. Shaw-Heir Drainage: Tom talked to ND DOT. They will not approve the permit unless the Water Board approves it. There is no liability to the Water Board for erosion in the right of way. Any potential liability would be from downstream land owners. Request of Drainage for Highway Right of Way: Mgr. Engelhardt moves to sign the approval. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded it. MCU.
10. Scanning Files: Ron Sando met with Sadie Wetzal who is scanning our files. Ron is very impressed with the system. Suggests having a special meeting to show Board Members on how to use the new system.

11. Crown Butte Shortfalls: Tom talked to Curt Swanson who is on the CB Board. Tom will get paperwork together to determine how much the Board will be short. Their next meeting is November 10th. If the CB Board does not want to pay we can do another special assessment.
12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 25th virtual beginning at 10am.
13. Financial Reports: Mgr. Engelhardt moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1168	Bair Law Firm	\$1,500.00	Legal fees
1169	State Water Comm.	\$761.00	Flasher project
1170	Ternes Outdoor Serv.	\$1,019.90	Weed spraying
1171	Starion Financial	\$12,860.13	SBC Dredge Pmt.
1172	ND Community Foundation	\$1,200.00	Fall Mowing
1173	Wade Bachmeier	\$254.35	Meetings, mileage
1174	Bruce Engelhardt	\$420.02	Meetings, mileage
1175	George Saxowsky	\$124.68	Meetings
1176	James Schmidt	\$290.35	Meetings, mileage
1177	James Wetsch	\$265.68	Meetings, mileage
1178	Brenda Winckler	\$958.58	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$333.44	Payroll taxes

There being no further business, motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.