

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

OCTOBER 29, 2014

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on October 29, 2014 at the MWWS offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, James Schmidt, George Saxowsky, and Ray Christianson. Also present were Mike Kemnitz, Karen Brooks, and Barry Schulz, MWWS, Brian Ziegler, Bartlett & West, Tony Goetzfried, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Ron Sando via Skype, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commissioner, and Alan Dixon, Prairie Outpost Log Homes.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order.
4. Minutes: Manager Wetsch moved to approve the September 24, 2014 minutes. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that copy to be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Council, Tom Bair.
5. MWWS: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$176,408 and expenditures, totaling \$173,282, of the MWWS for the month of September 2014. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Manager Christensen. MC. The Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Christensen moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MC. Mgr. Kemnitz reviewed with the board that the water loss of 668,000 gallons was in part from the leak by Judson and the flushing and filling of the new waterline. An adjustment of \$8200 was applied to Account #701 due to a misread meter. The Sedalia RR Crossing was completed at a cost of \$26,785. Mgr. Kemnitz reported that the SWC & Capital Replacement Reserve is fully funded. That money may be used in 2018 once Loan #2321 with the SWC is paid in full. USDA has requested that MWWS seek commercial financing on their loans. Production Credit will be at the November meeting to discuss this. Mgr. Kemnitz also visited with Starion Financial. If the loan is moved to a commercial bank MWWS will lose the 1926B that guarantees the loan. The Board feels it is very important to retain the 1926B. Current interest rate of USDA is 4.375%. Mgr. Kemnitz will keep the board updated. SWWA is working on allowing MWWS to be a high demand user instead of a contract user for the joining of the water line on Hwy 25. A pay request was made by Merryman Construction for \$483,228.16. MWWS share will be \$120,036.95 and the SWC will pay \$363,191.21. Next pay request will be for \$179,522. 2014 project updates: 6" airport line is complete. 1A is being pressure tested. 2 miles of track hoe work is left to be completed. The crew is holding off on the landscaping and cleanup until the temperature drops. Freeway 147 owners are opposed to giving more land for the utility corridor. There are strict guidelines but they feel the county's request is unconstitutional.
6. Mandan Airport Drainage: The analysis has been completed by KLJ. Mike Aubol discussed what the 1-5 year plan needs to be with the airport. The north drainage should have no impact but the drainage going south may affect Highway 1806. The embankment on Hwy. 6 cannot be used for water storage. Consensus of the board is the water lines lay in that ditch and they do not want water running through that ditch to cause erosion. The Board will wait until MC Highway and MWWS are satisfied with the plan. Mike also reported that vegetation has been established along the hiking/biking trail north of Mandan.

7. Lower Heart Board has requested that MCWRD cost share in the streaming gauges on the Heart River. The Board will need to know what information can be received thru these before we can make a decision. The dyke in the LHRB has received an unsatisfactory from the COE, but many of the items can be fixed.
8. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported the water has been turned off at HL with electricity to follow in a few weeks. Campground host at HL is done until 2015. Total revenue at HL was \$16,978. Discussion was held concerning location of additional camper pads. Tim also suggested group pads which would include 5 electric hookups on a 100'X100' cement pad. Consensus of the board is to allow Tim to work on additional pads west of the wetland area.
9. Harmon Lake: Prairie Outpost Log Home owner, Alan Dixon was present to propose building the multipurpose building. Estimated cost on a 2000 sq. ft. building is at \$200/sq.ft, or \$180/sq.ft. with geothermal heat. He estimates 10 sq.ft. per person. Alan would like the board to tour a log home he built that he feels could represent our building nicely. He will contact the homeowner to set up a time for a tour. Ron Sando suggested the board visit Larimore to see their completed building so we can hear the pros and cons from their board. Andy Zachmeier contacted the Emergency Mgmt Board to plan a mock training at HL and proceed to do this in the spring. Tony Goetzfried reported the fence has been fixed and the culvert under the spillway is constructed correctly and the water flow will continue as it has been. A complaint has been received from a landowner on the south side regarding noxious weeds. Tony will put together a rough proposal to include leafy spurge spraying, early summer and late fall, and spraying of the wormwood and Canadian thistle. Labor is \$125/hour plus chemical. Board suggests starting at the south side and getting that controlled and then move on. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion to hire Brent Ternes to spray at HL up to a cost of \$5000. MC. BEK Communication received the grant to install an internet kiosk at HL. Change of orders for the bike trail: By rerouting the trail all archeological locations have been avoided and will not need an archeologist. The connector trail gives an established access for the boards' UTV and gives hikers a way to shorten the trail. 6 berms were added for safety for the bikers at \$900 per berm which will make for a better ride. The top of the stock dam did not need to be graveled which between the two changes the cost of the trail by about \$5300 over the planned cost. 3 additional berms at \$750 for 2 and one more at \$900 will be added not to exceed \$2400. The final lineal ft. for the trail is 22,285 of which 180 lineal ft. was built by volunteers making the billable ft at 22,105 raising the total cost of trail to \$90,570. State Parks and Rec will pay 80% up to \$86,000. Epic Sports has matched Specialized Bicycles donation of \$3000 to be used for this trail. Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve the additional changes and constructed changes totaling \$90,570. MC. Discussion on a crossing south of the stock pond. A quote of \$24,900 was received for 7x30 ft. concrete sill due to the soil conditions. Mgr. Wetsch will check if a Texas crossing will work instead of building a bridge. Mgr. Christensen moved to authorize Chairman Bachmeier and Mgr. Wetsch with Tom Bairs' approval to spend up to \$10,000 on a crossing for south of the stock dam. Mgr. Christensen moved and Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion to approve and pay the first invoice for the trail to ND Parks and Rec for \$72,095 less 20% retainer fee. MC.
10. City of Hebron: Discussion was held concerning the lack of performance of cleaning the dyke at Hebron. Mgr Wetsch moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to rescind the motion to cost share this project due to lack of performance. MC.
11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MC.

CHK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
5376	Bair Law Firm	\$1500.00	Legal Fees
5377	CS Doors Inc	\$62.72	Maintenance Bldg
5378	Starion Financial	\$12,860.13	SBC Loan# 10781656
5379	Mor Gran Sou	\$8,800.00	HL Meter for campgd
5380	ND Parks & Rec	\$14,419.00	West leg of Trail
5381	Wade Bachmeier	\$374.02	Meetings
5382	Raymond Christensen	\$174.67	Meetings, mileage
5383	Tony Goetzfried	\$435.69	Project Mgr. Fee
5384	George Saxowsky	\$184.67	Meetings, mileage
5385	James Schmidt	\$124.67	Meetings, mileage
5386	James Wetsch	\$685.70	Meetings
5387	Brenda Winckler	\$852.17	Salary, equip rent, Flowers
EFT	IRS	\$451.98	Payroll taxes
5390	Blue Sky Trail LLC	\$7,500.00	Boardwalk for trail
5391	ND Parks & Rec	\$43,257.00	BAL of first Invoice

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.