

Unapproved

September 30, 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, September 30, 2020.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Bruce Engelhardt, Jim Schmidt, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Karen Garvie and Craig Tokach, MWWS, and Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Mike Gunsch and Travis Johnson, Houston Engineering and Ron Sando.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the minutes for the August 26, 2020 meeting. 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 \$283,001 and expenditures, totaling \$358,162 of the MWWS for the month of August 2020. Mgr. Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Saxowsky. MCU. Karen reported on the following items. Crown Butte tank is complete and the outside is beautiful. Craig started filling on Monday and when full it will be back and running after the P test. No complaints or issues. Project went smooth. Airport tank project is complete. City of Mandan did not raise the rates for 2021. AE2S is installing a city transmission line which is a 30 inch main north side of Mandan and a bypass to feed MWWS, and will be running off pressure until they complete this. They will give MWWS 3-4 day notice so they can contact our customers. 8 hours maximum for out of water for these customers. CR 140 is not big enough to be the main feed for this area. An agreement has been signed with the Dept of Energy for reduced electricity to renew the reduce cost agreement. Contract with WAPA will be a reimbursement for the reduced rate. 3 major projects were completed this summer.
5. Flasher Project: Mgr. Engelhardt talked to Jesse Kist, MC P&Z about doing the surveying at Flasher. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to enter into an agreement with SWC not to exceed \$1000 to proceed with surveying the Flasher flood project for sediment removal. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
6. Morton County Parks: Chairman Bachmeier reported HL was drawn down by 3 ft. When the valve was closed the water was clear. After 1 ½ days Chairman Bachmeier received calls on flooding of the land so the draw down was closed. Last week blue algae warning

was removed. WTR trees and plastic has been removed from the lot providing access to the southeast corner of the property. The plan is to run a disc and or drag over these two rows and plant grass before the snow flies. Trees on the face of the dam will be cut this fall and spray the stumps next spring. Shelter building has begun. The metal frame work has been set. The roof is on complete with the shingles. Waiting for steel siding to arrive. Revenues: \$40,368. Tim feels this has been a good season for HL even thru covid 19 and blue algae.

7. Otter Creek Cleanout: Houston engineering has requested more engineering for the project. Consensus of the Board is to decide if engineering needs to be bid out due to increased fees. Project manual and plan for cleanout was sent from Houston Engineering. The Board would like an engineer to be involved due to unforeseen circumstances and to keep an eye on the project. The Board feels we don't need to do the last quarter of the mile because there is enough slope unless snagging and clearing needs to be done. Chairman Bachmeier plans on going down to see if additional snagging and clearing needs to be done before project begins. Mgr. Engelhardt will join Wade. Houston Engineering has submitted paperwork for Midwest Dragline to sign and to proceed with the project. No contract performance or payment bonds will be needed.
8. HL Inundation Mapping: Mike Gunsch sent a revised ordinance on the Mapping with a no build zone. It shows the background as to why the mapping is there and added Section F on page 3 of 3. Issue of structures 2 ft. and above was a conversation of the MCWRD. Current ordinance states 1 ft. Mgr. Engelhardt recommended some changes to the language of the document. Mike reported there may be some funding for upgrades for dams due to design. Mgr. Schmidt said there would be no funding from the SWC and highly uncertain from the federal Govt. Mike will email the changes to Chairman Bachmeier.
9. Crown Butte Lagoon: Tom Bair visited with MC Auditor and an escrow account was to be set up with Crown Butte. They will need to release the escrow account so we continue the payments without having a shortfall.
10. Harmon Lake: Tom Bair reported that we need to submit the final payment request to State Parks for reimbursement. Construction phase needs to be completed by Sept 30th. Reimbursement paperwork has 30 days to submit.
11. Shaw-Entzel project: Ron Sando looked at the breakdown of the project, velocities and routes. The elevations seemed reasonable, but the cattle crossing to the south, the inverted elevation looked wrong. If velocities are correct and the inverted elevation was a typo, the drainage area looks ok. ND Highway initially said no to this when requested by the private entity. Ron recommends it is the private land owners and not the Board's decision and responsibility to make the application. If the ND DOT asks for comments

Ron recommends that if the liability stays with the landowner, the Board would be in agreement.

12. Financial Reports: Received a check from Paddle On for \$1591.95 for part of their proceeds of 2020. Consensus of Board is to put it into Dam 6 Savings Account .Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1159	Bair Law Firm	\$2000.00	Legal Fees
1160	Blue Sky Trail	\$9620.00	HL Bike Trail
1161	Ron Sando	\$1292.50	Consultant Fees
1162	Wade Bachmeier	\$124.67	Meetings
1163	Bruce Engelhardt	\$187.01	Meetings
1164	George Saxowsky	\$124.67	Meetings
1165	James Schmidt	\$124.67	Meetings
1166	Brenda Winckler	\$958.59	Salary, equip rent
1167	James Wetsch	\$100.84	Meetings

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.