

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

JULY 28, 2021

The Morton County Water Resource District held their regular meeting at 10AM on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 in the Missouri Room at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1516 27th St. NW, Mandan, ND.

The following were present: Chairman Wade M. Bachmeier, Managers Jim Schmidt, Jamie Wetsch, George Saxowsky, Bruce Engelhardt, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas. Karen Garvie, Carrie Schaner, Hunter Schlosser, Mike Kemnitz, MWWS, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Ron Sando, Andy Zachmeier, MC Commission, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks.

Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the June 30, 2021 and the July 20, 2021 minutes as written. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier requested minutes be sent to Legal Counsel, County Auditor and SWC.

1. MWWS: The Board reviewed the monthly income of \$179,440 and expenses of \$414,082 for the month of June 2021. Monthly and quarterly reports were discussed. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to accept the monthly and quarterly reports. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Karen Garvie reviewed the following items. Hunter Schlosser reported the B1 tank was low, which is the main feed to the Crown Butte feed. He found pipe that was cracked. Repaired at a cost of \$2800 for the excavation and repair. Estimated loss of water was 1 million gallons. Carrie Schaner requested account # 180 for \$237.77 is written off. Mgr. Wetsch moved to write off #180 at \$237.77. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. MCU. Karen Garvie reported there have been 74 new accounts since January 1st. 34 accounts have been connected and there are 56 signups that are paying base fees. The remaining is waiting on paperwork. There have been 6 pasture taps and 159 AMRs completed this year. MWWS are still waiting on more meters to arrive for installation. The Mandan experiment station has an individual that wishes to sell a parcel of land at \$3 million. Gov. Bergum is debating if the State should purchase the land so residential lots don't disturb the data that has been created from that land.
2. Manager Position: Mgr. Schmidt moved that based on interviews, qualifications, written resume and experience to offer the position of MWWS Manager to Karen Garvie. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. Votes: Schmidt: Yes, Engelhardt: Yes, Wetsch: Yes, Saxowsky: Yes, Bachmeier: Yes. MCU.
3. Sweetbriar Dam: Landowners downstream and adjacent are reporting low and stagnant water and are asking for a release of water from the Sweetbriar reservoir. The State Ag Commission is trying to release water for farmers. As of now, G&F are not willing to do that as they have senior rights to that reservoir. Sweetbriar does not have a minimum dam flow. Prior water right owners can take a base flow.

4. Sen. Bill #2208: Mgr. Schmidt reported that the Legislative Management shall consider studying drainage which can allow the legislature to throw all of parts of this bill. This is a concern to the County Commission and Water Boards of the western part of ND because drainage and Water Boards do not have the same concerns as those in the east. Mgr. Schmidt will continue to participate.
5. Lower Heart Water Dist: Discussion was held concerning funds for the LH dike. Does the City of Mandan do a special assessment? Lower Heart WD currently receives 4 mills compared to MCWRD receiving 1.5 mills. Can they assess to property owners that receive no benefit from the dyke?? More discussion will be held.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen was present to report on the Parks. The low spot on the large shelter he believes can be taken care of by saw cutting the preexisting cuts in the low area and let it drain. He will do this project and see if it solves the problem. Someone drove thru the leech field by the camper dump. They will place cannon balls around it to prevent this from happening again. A fire index sign has been placed at HL. 2021 income last month for HL: \$9,499, YTD: \$23,099 compared to 2021 at \$31,089. There has been less mowing and more watering being done by the Park employees. Status of HL water: there are low levels of toxins and is below the advisory level. Ellen Huber, City of Mandan released a video as to what a person can do in Mandan, ND and includes HL. She did a great job. The new trail maintenance building will be staked, and building will begin in August. The trees are not doing well with the drought except for the pine trees. May have to move trees and replant if drought continues.
7. Flasher Meeting: Chairman Bachmeier, Mgrs. Saxowsky and Engelhardt along with Jesse Kist attended the City of Flasher meeting. The project was tabled. The MCWRD suggested they would purchase the culverts if the City of Flasher/County would do the dirt work. They also requested MC Parks to do tree removal.
8. Crown Butte and Flasher O&M reports have been placed in drop box for the Mgrs. Review.
9. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt 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>
1270	Troy Miller Construction	\$500.00	DwnPmt Trail Bldg
1271	Bair Law Firm	\$1950.00	Legal Fees
1272	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$75.00	Room Rent
1273	HUB Intl	\$169.00	Insurance
1274	Ronald Sando	\$1210.00	Consultant Fees
1275	Ternes Outdoor Service	\$1891.00	Spraying at HL
1276	MC Weed Board	\$450.00	Weed Spray
1277	Wade M Bachmeier	\$472.62	Meetings, mileage Meal reimbursement

1278	Bruce Engelhardt	\$349.89	Meetings, mileage
1279	George Saxowsky	\$249.35	Meetings, mileage
1280	James Schmidt	\$425.94	Meetings, mileage
1281	James Wetsch	\$74.68	Meeting
1282	Brenda Winckler	\$960.59	Salary, equip rent
1283	James Wetsch	\$1023.17	Bobcat Inv for cylinder, And mount
EFT	IRS	\$958.68	Payroll tax for June/July

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.