

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

April 26, 2017

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on April 26, 2017 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, Jim Schmidt, and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Legal Counsel, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Mike Aubol, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, Paula Kvernum, Brandon Schafer, and Michelle Doyle, NRCS, Dave Thompson, Dan Price and Ron Sando. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Saxowsky moved to approve the amended March 29, 2017 minutes. Mgr. Christensen 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 Counsel, Tom Bair.
3. MWWS: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$139,933 and expenditures totaling \$157,310 of the MWWS for the month of March 2017. Manager Saxowsky made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. Quarterly reports were reviewed. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the quarterly reports. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MC. MWWS purchased an AMR laptop and software for \$16,886. Mgr. Kemnitz reported that the employees have been busy due to BEK and WRT and Century Link line locates. DAPL is currently repairing fence lines. The airport tank slab is settling. They have contacted a company to lift the slab with a poly urethane this week. The 3 station roofs have been completed at a cost of \$18,000. Due to a staff of 6, with 3 having less than 6 months experience, Mgr. Kemnitz has contacted Schlosser Excavating as a prime contractor to do new connects and line inspections. Proposals for new connects are as follows: Road Boring \$2000, Curb stop valve \$325, 1000 ft. PVC and excavation, \$7470, 1 1/2" valve \$180, meter pit \$1000, and meter \$500.
4. State Water Projects: Mgr. Schmidt gave a report on the State Water Project Summaries. \$27 million has been designated for Rural Water Supply. Municipal and Regional are lumped together. There will be grants and cost shares. A grant will be a certain \$\$ and the rest is their bill, verses a cost share will be all costs divided by the cost share.
5. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that they are working on mowers in preparation of the spring season. The trees at HL have been severely damaged due to snow this past winter. Tim recommends renting equipment to cut off all lilac trees and let them regrow. The ponderosas will need trimming and they will fill in the blank spots from trees in the nursery. The Board recommends replenishing the nursery. Plans are to get ground prepped this year and plant trees next year. Consensus of the Board is to let Tim take care of the decisions for the trees. Tim has received a complaint about Paddle On using 25% of the beach leaving only 75% for the public. Tim will contact Paddle On and set up a boundary for them. ABC Docking will be installing the kayak launch shortly.

6. MC Projects: Tony Goetzfried cut down trees at Otter Creek. Trees need to be cut at HL and fences need to be fixed. Tony will also take care of a small beaver dam at HL. NRCS and the State Health Dept. checked out the drainage that runs across the walking path into the 1806 ditch. They will have to wait for a heavy rain before they can do water sampling. They can only do monitoring if the water flows into the creek. A recommendation was made to have letters sent from MCWRD and MC Parks suggesting a public nuisance. Chairman Bachmeier on behalf of the Board will write a letter to the State Health Dept. Mike Aubol checked the 3 culverts that were damaged at Willow Road. MC Highway will repair or replace them.
7. Zachmeier CAT: Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, will do an inspection of Zachmeier CAT to determine if it is a pipe failure and decide how to correct it and a probable cost involved.
8. Dam Breach Mapping: Mike Gunsch attended a meeting with Dennis Reep, SWC and NRCS to review the 3 breach maps. The current CFS is 111. SWC would like to have NRCS design flood and 2 dimensional maps and define the parameters for this. P&Z could create an overlay district which would make MCWRD not liable. Ron Sando recommends keeping the mapping as it was done in the construction permit #1092. Any changes made from that we would not be liable. Wachter Development supports the original map. Consensus of the Board is to wait until new map is developed. P&Z wants the best technical map to be used.
9. BN Crossing: BN stated whoever uses the easement would have an agreement that it would be locked and each would assume responsibility. Tom Bair will contact Pat French. MCWRD has an easement to get thru by the pump house to gain access.
10. Otter Creek: Dan Price was present to request removing beaver dams and clearing on Otter Creek, which is causing water to run into their fields. The Nationwide permit may cover the cleanout. Would like clearing to be done from RR crossing to the confluence 2-3 ft. wide. Consensus of the Board is to have Ron Sando proceed to obtain a permit to clean within the confines of the creek. Ron will also check on Floodway #2.
11. O&M Dates: Date is set for May 3rd for Almont and Flasher meeting at the NRCS office at 9am.
12. Harmon Lake: Brandon, NRCS, reported that the water sampling downstream of HL has been taken over by the State Health Department and they are in charge of enforcement. Samples from west of HL have been sent in but no results yet. Warren Geiger's insurance company claims someone drove thru his fence line causing the cattle to get out, therefore insurance will not cover it. He also prepaid the water charge and didn't use it all so would like a refund back on the water. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to reimburse Warren Geiger \$255.20 for unused water. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. Saxowsky-yes, Wetsch-yes, Christensen-yes, Bachmeier-No. MC. Blue Sky will begin to repair the cattle damage on the bike trail starting May 1st. Mgr. Wetsch reported the bridge by the stock dam is clogged. Mgr. Wetsch continues to do maintenance to prevent it from being destroyed. The culvert and the crossing on the trail have a pool and are inundated with mud. They may need to restore the original outflow. NISC built a 4x10 ft. foot bridge. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve purchase of a work platform for the Bobcat @ a cost of \$695 plus freight. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MC. The ground work is beginning for the storm shelter at HL. The Trimble GPS now has the locations of all the electric lines, culverts, water lines.

Mgr. Wetsch moved to allow Chairman Bachmeier to sign the BEK easement. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MC

- 13.** Financial reports: Mgr. Christensen moved to have Chairman Bachmeier contact BNC to discuss putting \$100,000 into a CD at 1 ½% interest. Mgr. Saxowsky seconded the motion. Mc. Mgr. Saxowsky moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MC.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
5666	Jamie Wetsch	\$765.11	Bobcat work platform
5667	Wade Bachmeier	\$323.68	Meetings
5668	Ray Christensen	\$360.13	Meetings, mileage, lunch
5669	Tony Goetzfried	\$691.80	Payroll, mileage, supplies
5670	George Saxowsky	\$374.34	Meetings, mileage
5671	James Wetsch	\$1094.01	Meetings, mileage Bridge material, mower part
5672	Brenda Winckler	\$888.41	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$568.10	Payroll tax

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas