

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
April 30, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St. NW, Mandan, ND.

2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Jim Schmidt and Todd Norton; Karin Garvie, MWWS; Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West; Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z; Tom Bair from Bair Law Firm; Tim Nilsen and Cody Schnabel, MC Parks; Mike Gartner from the Mandan Rural Fire Department; Marv Miller, Randy Rhone, Steve Mariner and Nick Mariner with MBR Properties LLC and Abe Ulmer with Independent Land Surveying.

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda: Chair Bachmeier requested that the Honey Hills Estates Ditch Block and the Harmon Lake Inundation Zone be added to the agenda. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the additions. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the March 26, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

4a. MWWS: Ms. Garvie reported that the meter changeout is progressing with only 500 meters remaining. The Board reviewed the income report totaling \$190,772 and expenditures report totaling \$153,743 for the month of March 2025. The board also reviewed the quarterly reports. Manager Norton moved to accept and place these reports in the file. Seconded by Manager Schmidt. Motion carried.

4b. Mandan Rural Fire Department: Mike Gartner with the Mandan Rural Fire Department indicated the fire department would be interested in the current MWWS building if it is sold. The department has outgrown its current space. Mr. Gartner was informed that MWWS is currently assessing whether it will redesign its current building or build new. The board agreed to stay in contact with Mr. Gartner as it proceeds with its plans.

5. MC Parks- Harmon Lake: Tim Nilsen and Cody Schnabel reported on Morton County Parks. The low water drawdown at Harmon Lake has been opened. The Sunflo mixers have not been installed. It was reported that income so far this year from Harmon Lake is \$14,405. Mr. Nilsen expects a good year at HLRA. Mgr. Wetsch reported that the slide gate was inspected by a Frontier Precision drone. There were no obvious cracks or breaks in the slide gate system. It is possible that some of the seals may be failing.

6. Beaver Dam Complaint, Marv Miller. The board discussed the beaver dam at Marv Miller's property south of Mandan. Mr. Miller reports that the beaver dam is growing in size and depth. Mr. Miller met with Department of Water Resources employees at the site today. The department has reported to Mgr. Schmidt that the determination as to whether there is a watercourse traversing Mr. Miller's property will be made by the end of the week.

7. Moratorium on Residential Development in Dam Breach: The board discussed the county's recent extension of the Zone 1 building moratorium for an additional 2 years. An important issue is whether the action of the county to restrict development is a "taking". If it is determined to be a taking, a

second issue becomes the value of the taking. The board discussed hiring an appraiser to determine this value, if any. The chair will inquire with appraisers to determine the cost of such an appraisal.

8. Honey Hills Estates: Randy Rhone, Steve Mariner and Nick Mariner with MBR Properties LLC and Abe Ulmer with Independent Land Surveying appeared to discuss the ditch block adjacent to Highway 1806 near Honey Hills Estates. The ND DOT reneged on a permit it had granted to the developers which would allow removal of the ditch block. The DOT is concerned that the Honey Hills Homeowners Association agreement to maintain the stormwater runoff system is financially inadequate. The developers would like to renew the application with the WRD co-signing the application with the developers. After discussion, it was decided that the Morton County Commission is the proper party to co-sign the application. Chairman Bachmeier will write a letter to the commission asking that it co-sign the application.

9. Financial. The board discussed renewing a CD at Starion Bank. Mgr. Wetsch moved to renew the CD at 4.2% for 7 months. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

10. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1641	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$261.82	Meetings, mileage
1642	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.19	Meetings, mileage
1643	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1644	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1645	James Wetsch	\$426.96	Meetings, mileage
1646	Brenda Winckler	\$1368.60	Salary, lunch reimbursement
EFT	IRS	\$496.62	Payroll taxes
1647	Bair Law Firm	\$575.00	Legal Fees

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

Wade M Bachmeier, Chairman