

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
August 27, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37t St. NW, Mandan, ND.

2.The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie and Craig Tokach, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Cody Schnabel, MC Parks & Weed Board Director, and Arlon Ruff, Kelsch Law Firm.

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve July 30, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.

4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Craig reported on the work being done at the airport booster station. Pumps were making noise, no parts are available, Hunter suggested replacing both pumps which were placed in 1993, and switch to 3400rpm pumps. First pump was completed last October, and the second pump was replaced now in August. These pumps are more efficient and pumps water faster. Cost estimate is \$34,000 for both pumps. Flasher tank needed a new drain. There is water always seeping slowly. This tank is due for replacement in the next few years. A new master meter project is slated for 2026. Mgr. Garvie contacted Marathon Petroleum to use land across from where the pit currently is. They said they would rather not. May have to ask the developer if we can have additional land where the meter currently sits to add an additional meter. Bryan recommends when this is complete installing a fence around the entire area. Mgr. Garvie presented the updated building concept, approved by all MWWS employees. Board recommends increasing shop size. Garvie will send it back and redo the size of the shop. Task order #321, agreement between MWWS and Bartlett & West for the designing and construction of the building which includes the engineer and architect cost. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to table this until geotech has been completed. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$ 202,668 and expenditures, totaling \$168,319 of the MWWS for the month of July 2025. Mgr. Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

5. Watercourse Determination: Determination was made concerning the beaver dam complaint. It was determined it is a water course, and the dam can be removed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to direct Arlon to draft a letter to the landowner to remove the beaver dam. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Chairman Bachmeier will call the landowner to verify the dam is still present.

6. MC Parks: Cody Schnabel reported an incident had happened at HL. A car drove into the lake and submerged. It was removed the following day. There had been no notification to either MC Parks or the MCWRD. Arlon recommends sending a letter showing contacts to be notified if there is an incident at HL to MC Sheriff and the State Patrol. Cody reported HL income \$3425 for August, \$30,532.10 so far this year. Cody is creating an application for venue events to be held at all Morton County Parks. Cody received a call from a retired citizen regarding the mixers for the data we are collecting from the Sunflo Mixers. He has many years of experience at the Minnesota Game & Fish regarding mixers in water. He would like to come to a meeting to explain what he knows. Mgr. Wetsch will contact him to come to the September meeting at 1pm. Cody also did some research on new signs for HL. Mgr. Engelhardt

questioned why there is no Harmon Lake sign on Hwy. 25. Cody will contact DOT District Engineer on that.

7. MR Potential Intake Sites: There is surveying being done to Washburn from the Montana line. Next year it will be from Washburn to the South Dakota line. The intake that was built for RR Valley Water Supply project has been built but has never been used. Control of the water at Washburn is under Garrison Diversion District.

8. City of Mandan P&Z: Project for preliminary plat at south of 19th Mandan. Mike Liffbrig purchased the land near Keidel Addition with intent of building a Montessori, which plans are to be turned over to U of Mary following completion.

9. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch took a person out to look at haying at HL at paying \$3/bale. Arlon will draft a contract for that. Mgr. Wetsch reported a fallen tree covering the Texas crossing by Graffs that will need to be removed. DEQ came to HL for one of their meetings. Wetsch gave a report on the mixers. Mgr. Wetsch will put No Hunting signs on gates at HL. Consensus of the Board is to post it on the electronic no hunting designations.

10. Financials: Mgr. Bachmeier requested a contribution to the MRJWB EAE program, the same as Burleigh County of \$7500. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1683	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$492.08	Meetings, mileage, St Fair Entry
1684	Bruce Engelhardt	\$632.69	Meetings, mileage
1685	Todd Norton	\$208.61	Meetings, mileage
1686	James Schmidt	\$196.15	Meetings, mileage
1687	James Wetsch	\$402.07	Meetings, mileage
1688	Brenda Winckler	\$1335.90	Salary, stamps purchased
1689	MWWS	\$3000.00	½ year rent
1690	Sunflo 2	\$43,975.00	Final Pmt Mixers
EFT	IRS	\$540.04	Payroll taxes
1691	VOID Action Sports	Duplicate pmt	
1692	Midwest Doors	\$2697.00	Door HL Maintenance Bldg

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.