

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
February 26, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, February 26, 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, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, and Tom Bair from Bair Law Firm.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve January 29, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reviewed with the Board: Task orders from Bartlett & West: Task order 318, Mandan Master meter Pit replacement for design, Mgr. Norton moved to approve task order 318 for the Mandan Master meter pit replacement. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Task order 319: Requirement from NDWR needs approval for signature on the basic asset inventory analysis cost share at 75%. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve, Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Task # 320: Master agreement for Bartlett & West, Phase 1 of the new office building scope of services to begin the building concept for \$61,000. Mgr. Norton suggested also adding to the scope, a remodel design of the current location to make a correct decision on building or remodeling. The consensus of the Board is to remain with Bartlett & West due to good working relationships with them. MWWS would request a 2% 30-year loan from the State Revolving Fund and keep funds in our system and pay down the loan with the sale of the current building. The estimated cost for the new construction is approximately \$2.5 million. Board will table task order 320 to include a remodel design. Fluoride issue: This issue went through legislation and was approved that water can continue to have fluoride in it. Captains Landing request: remodeling their town hall and must do new water, would like contributions from MWWS. Consensus is that the Board feels there is no policy, and existing rules do not allow for this and the Board would not feel comfortable spending funds at the cost of other users. Water rate adjustments: Mgr. Garvie pulled 5 years of data to show June through October, which shows how many users exceed 15,000 gallons per month. Discussion on removing the 2-tier rate and doing a 3 x the standard rate on gallons over 15,000, or anything over the 15,000 gallons do a 5x the rate. Mgr. Garvie will take the over users in the winter months and determine what their usage is in the summer months and will determine at the next meeting. MWWS purchased a new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado pickup @ \$63,600. It still needs to have a utility box installed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$188,697 and expenditures totaling \$301,932 of the MWWS for the month of January 2025. Mgr. Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan from Bartlett & West completed and submitted the application for State Water Funding for the Fort Lincoln water project. Water complaint: Honey Hills Subdivision SE corner on the east side of the road: along the RR cliff, water coming from the north and running down the route it made previously on a customer's land. If it's a storm water management plan complaint would the Board have any authority to fix it? Tom Bair said they need to go to the entity that approved the subdivision.
5. Morton County Parks: Merging of the MC Weed and MC Parks Manager: The Commission approved, and MC Parks Director narrowed it down to 2 and interviews will begin. Tim Nilsen presented a report

on income and expense for 2024 HL. Income was over \$6595 for 2024 compared to previous year. There is no need to increase fees for 2025. Feb 22nd a Sporting Chance Day was held at HL. Had a great day for a good cause. Spring estimate is there won't be a need to open the toe drain unless we get a lot more moisture. The consensus of the Board is to watch the inflows and manage opening the drain depending on that. March 11th Frontier Precision will be flying drones at HL. The grate needs to be removed. Tim will contact Alex to coordinate the time to do this.

6. Water Permits are in DropBox. Snowpack in the mountains currently 93 to 95% of the average.

7. 2024 Audit will be conducted in March.

8. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Engelhardt Seconded. MCU.

| <i>CK#</i> | <i>NAME:</i> | <i>AMOUNT:</i> | <i>MEMO:</i> |
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| 1614 | Wade M. Bachmeier | \$823.63 | Lost check replaced from 2/24 |
| 1615 | Wade M. Bachmeier | \$610.90 | Lost check replaced from 9/27 |
| 1616 | Bair Law Firm | \$425.00 | Legal Fees |
| 1617 | MRJBoard | \$2000.00 | 2025 Dues |
| 1618 | MWWS | \$266.90 | Water Fee HL |
| 1619 | ND Water Coalition | \$1000.00 | 2025 Dues |
| 1620 | ND Water Res Dist Assn. | \$675.00 | 2025 Dues |
| 1621 | VOID | | |
| 1622 | Safe Deposit Box Operation | \$55.00 | Safe Deposit Fee |
| 1623 | Dakota Community Bank | \$30,000.00 | HL O&M NRCS Required |
| 1624 | Missouri River Joint Board | \$10,000.00 | MRJWB EAP Project |
| 1625 | Bruce Engelhardt | \$902.68 | Meetings, mileage, registration |
| 1626 | Todd Norton | \$417.20 | Meetings, mileage |
| 1627 | James Schmidt | \$1063.94 | Meetings, mileage, registration |
| 1628 | James Wetsch | \$418.96 | Meetings, Dropbox Fee |

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| 1629 | Brenda Winckler | \$1345.28 | Salary, Microsoft Renewal, Zen work Tax 1099s |
| 1630 | Wade M. Bachmeier | \$872.71 | Meetings |
| EFT | IRS | \$781.86 | Payroll taxes |

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.