

Unapproved  
Morton County Water Resource District  
July 30, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37<sup>t</sup> 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 and Jared Huibregtse, Bartlett and West, Cody Schnabel, MC Parks & Weed Board Director, Jesse Hehr, and Wayne Ruzicka, Sunflo.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the amended June 25, 2025 minutes. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Final payment submitted for the Lyons Road project. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and pay the final payment of \$25,000. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Building cost estimate: Jared Huibregtse from B&W presented the Board a financial report of the MWWS. He feels that based on the assumptions he has made, the MWWS can afford the cost of a new building based on \$2.5 million loan, and using the sales of the current building to be applied to the higher loan costs. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with a new building verses the remodel of the current building. B&W engineers will proceed with the plans. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$337,431 and expenditures, totaling \$226,102 of the MWWS for the month of June 2025, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2025 Balance Sheet and CD reserves. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
5. Morton County Parks: Cody Schnabel presented a \$\$ collection comparison for mid summer for Grainer, HL, and Ft. Rice. Total is near average. Water was tested after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and no advisory status. Sweetbriar Lake is under a blue green algae warning. The gate is still open an inch at HL and maintaining. Sunflo meters were installed on July 16<sup>th</sup> which are anchored straight down instead of to the shore. NDRF dropped the camera requirement needed on the Sunflo mixers. Cody took the flag pole to the shop to straighten it out. A sign broke during the storm and will need to be replaced. Grainer Parks is getting a new 30 ft. flagpole donated by the Moose gaming. Midwest Doors has not replaced the door yet. MC Parks has received 2 NSF checks. Cody is working on that.
6. Auditors Report: Will not have the Legal letter signed until a new legal representative is hired.
7. Water Users Report: Will raise the dues by \$25.
8. Jesse Hehr Erosion: Jesse was present to discuss an erosion situation on his land. Hole still remains and with any run off it will continue to erode this spot. Came over the embankment in 3 different spots. Would like to resolve this and who would pay to fix it. Jess requests this Board to go to P&Z and see if they can incorporate some type of drainage on the northerly side down to the existing Honey Hills Storm water detention area.

9. Attorney for MCWRD: Arlon Ruff, Kelsch Law Firm is willing to represent the Board at a cost of \$300/hour. Consensus of the Board is to ask Kelsch Law to represent MCWRD and MWWS on a trial basis.

10. Sunflo Mixers: Wayne Ruzicka was present to discuss the installation of the mixers. The results: temperature went up 10, Saturation went up 78.5 %, Pressure up 1.90, DO saturation up 78.5. Collection is done at 18 inches. Site 3 is near the deepest part of the lake. Will continue weekly monitoring for 1 year to document stabilization/ conditions. They will monitor biological indications such as fish behavior, algae trends, and clarity. Will replace blinking beacon with non blinking as soon as they get them. If the Board wants to continue testing, the cost will be \$1000/month. If we pay the remaining balance of \$39,800 by end of August, they will do the testing at no additional cost. Since it has only been in the water for 2 weeks, we can't really prove that it is helping with the blue green algae. Mgr. Norton moved to pay the outstanding balance and ½ of the labor bill which equals \$2625.00 and the cost of the tele handler and labor of \$1550.00 totaling \$4,975.00 with that the satisfaction guarantee extends to end of September 2026 and Sunflo provides a description of what they are testing for the lake wide impact. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

11. Financials: Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.

<b>CK#</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>MEMO:</b>
1670	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$174.54	Meetings
1671	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.19	Meetings, mileage
1672	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1673	James E Schmidt	\$305.04	Meetings, mileage
1674	James R Wetsch	\$304.33	Meetings, mileage
1675	Brenda Winckler	\$1371.37	Salary, lunch reimbursement
EFT	IRS	\$482.16	Payroll taxes
1676	Bair Law Firm	\$750.00	Legal fees
1677	Midwest Doors	\$591.00	HL Hail repairs
1678	Action Sports	\$639.45	UTV Maintenance
1679	Bair Law Firm	\$100.00	Legal fees
1680	Houston Engineering	\$994.00	Dam Breech consulting
1681	HUB International	\$321.00	Commercial prop. Renewal
1682	Ternes Outdoor Services	\$4196.90	Spraying at HL

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

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Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

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Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas