

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
March 26, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, March 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, Landon Niemiller, SH & Co., Natalie Pearce, MC P&Z, Tom Bair from Bair Law Firm, Tim Nilsen and Cody Schnabel, our new MC Parks & Weed Board Director.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Landon Niemiller, SH & Co, concerning Malloy Land was present to discuss water for 87 lots. He said they are over 18 million gallons domestic use only per year. If they build their own water tank storage system, what would MWWS do, can they take over and manage? Used an estimate is 75 gal/person/day plus a safety factor. Mgr. Garvie feels that until we update our master meter system, there is no way she can give a definite answer. Mgr. Garvie reported the following: Task order # 320 office shop, Phase 1 & 2, which includes the remodel of present building, Bartlett & West additional cost of \$25,000. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve task order 320, Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agreement for cost share with Fort Lincoln pre construction at \$96,000. Ft. Lincoln will pick up the 25% of the cost share. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and sign the cost share agreement for the Fort Lincoln project. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mgr. Garvie reviewed with the Board the cost rates for MWWS. Garvie recommends to keep the second tier and up the cost on over 20,000 gallons. Mgr. Norton moved to increase the second tier to be 2 times the cost, and the 3rd tier by 5 times effective April 1st. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mgr. Garvie would like approval for Dusty Hadley to be an additional signer on the bank accounts. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$273,57 and expenditures, totaling \$248,178 of the MWWS for the month of February 2025. Manager Schmidt moved to accept and place these reports in file. Seconded by Manager Wetsch. Motion carried.
5. Moratorium on Residential Development in Dam Breach: Natalie Pearce reported we are at the end of the moratorium in Zone 1. Dams won't be reclassified until there is an action that is permit able. Chairman feels there has not been a taken when it comes to the restriction of development within Zone 1. Preference of the Board is to extend the moratorium an additional 2 years to develop a permanent plan to protect life. Natalie will present this to the P&Z Board. Per Bair Law Firm is the following statement: The test is a matter of balancing the competing interest. There is no clear-cut answer short of a court case, but in this instance, the governmental interest in protecting life is clear and convincing and not merely hypothetical. In reading the cases, it does appear that most regulatory action does not rise to the level of a taking.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen introduced the new MC Park and Weed director, Cody Schnabel. Due to lower water level at HL, the draw down will not be opened at this time. We will see if the Sunflo mixers work to

reduce green algae. No camp fires allowed at all MC Park locations at this time. Picnic tables have been put out at campsites. Car counter will be placed soon at HL.

7. Missouri Point: Discussion was held concerning Missouri Point O&M. City of Mandan hired Mike Gunsch to look at this. Transfer of the Operation and Maintenance was never turned over to the Board but the easement is the MWCRD. Therefore, we don't have the right to transfer the O&M to the developer.

8. Honey Hills Estate: Chairman Bachmeier would like an elevation map on this project due to drainage issues of a landowner.

9. Harmon Lake: Mgr. Wetsch reported things are good. Will maybe have to redo the 2 signs that show the mapping of HL, these are in need of repair. Wetsch will do some research and get back to the Board. Had the Grillo fixed at Celley Sports cost at approximately \$300.

10. Zachmeier CAT: A gate was placed at the Zachmeier CAT with Louie Zachmeier maintaining the gate. After passing away, consensus is to ask this Grandson Brandon Zachmeier to take over the maintaining of the gate.

11. Financial Reports: The 2024 audit has begun. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve and pay the following vouchers, including 1/3 the QB subscription to Brenda Winckler. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CK#	NAME:	AMOUNT:	MEMO:
1631	Bair Law Firm	\$750.00	Legal Fees
1632	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$349.08	Meetings
1633	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.19	Meetings, mileage
1634	Todd Norton	\$208.61	Meetings, mileage
1635	James Wetsch	\$241.95	Meetings, mileage
1636	Brenda Winckler	\$1412.34	Salary, lunch reimbursed
EFT	IRS	\$453.22	Payroll taxes
1637	Bair Law Firm	\$400.00	Legal Fees
1638	Brenda Winckler	\$621.74	QuickBook Payroll Fee
1639	Celley's Sports	\$292.99	Grillo repair
1640	Independent Land Surveying	\$150.00	Willow Road Survey

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

Wade M Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.