

Unapproved  
Morton County Water Resource District  
November 27, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 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, James Schmidt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, and Tom Bair from BairLaw Firm.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the October 30, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$198,172 and expenditures totaling \$274,346 of the MWWS for the month of October. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reviewed with the Board: Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West reported there are funds available to be used for the Mandan Master Meter pit to be done in the spring. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve and used funds, Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. City of NS is requesting an extension to their contract to use funds thru the life of the water supply contract be extended for more years. Mgr. Garvie suggested extending the contract for an additional 20 years. Mgr. Norton abstained from voting. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to extend the water supply contract with NS 20 years over the current contract. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. MWWS abandoned the water line behind the Jesse Herr shop. Pasture taps have been completed. We gained 15 million gallons which will equal a 4% water loss for the year. 2025 Annual Budget was presented for MWWS. Water rate was budgeted with a 3% price increase. Salary budget was 5% across the board which includes health insurance and the pension fund, and the purchase of a new vehicle is in the budget. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the proposed budget for 2025. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mandan Airport is putting in a lift station and as part of that MWWS had to lower the water line. That project has been completed at a cost of \$3300. Lyons Road: most of the hookups have been completed. Mgr. Garvie would like a special compensation for the performance of the MWWS employees at a price of \$20,000 which would be distributed as a years of service compensation. Mgr. Schmidt moved to accept the \$20,000 compensation to be distributed at the Managers discretion to each employee. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU. Bryan Ziegler talked to DWR about reimbursement for the Wisdom pipe. It is not eligible for any reimbursement from the State DWR. Malloy 80 lot proposal, MWWS cannot handle that amount of hookups right now. New building talks are continuing with Bartlett & West. Fluoride issue, there is no maximum. We don't do the treating of the water. It is done by the City of Mandan.
5. MRJWB: Has started budgeting for 2025 EAE. Will be close to \$150,000. Chairman Bachmeier met to work on the 2025 budget. He will also call Counties that are not yet in the MRJWB to see if they want to join. The payments for each County will be in tiers. MCWRD will be in the higher tiers of \$2000. But there is also 2 Water Boards in Morton County, but Lower Heart WRD has decided to not become a member at this time.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen informed the Board on the following: Campground is shut down. Bulk of the trail traffic stays on the 9 miles of trails. Most used of HL would definitely be the beach. Could we increase the shoreline of the beach?? A shower house facility has been requested. Revenue:

November \$288, Grand total \$41,223. Extremely good year. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest revenue at HL. The counter that was placed at HL and as of October 17<sup>th</sup>, we had 628 campers using the campground and 14,925 separate vehicles using the recreational area for different reasons. Tim Nilsen will be retiring in July 2025. Tim has been meeting and is proposing combining Weed Board and Parks. Cody Schnaibel would be Dept. Head of Weed and Park, he will hire a replacement, and employees could work at either place, which ever needed the help.

7. Financial Reports: CD at Dakota Community expires 11/30/24. Mgr. Schmidt moved to renew the DCB certificate for 6 months @ current rate of 4.3%. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Norton 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>
1598	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$174.54	Meetings
1599	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.20	Meetings, mileage
1600	Todd Norton	\$335.17	Meetings, mileage
1601	James Schmidt	\$2693.03	Meetings, mileage, Lodging, registration
1602	James R Wetsch	\$326.50	Meetings, mileage Domain renewal
1603	Brenda Winckler	\$1309.53	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$701.46	Payroll taxes
1604	Bair Law Firm	\$225.00	Legal fees
1605	ND Water Users	\$300.00	2025 Dues

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