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Morton County Water Resource District  
October 29, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, October 29, 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, 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 September 24, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Update on Mottsiff Division. Application for cost share will be submitted in December with the 6 homeowners being responsible for 25%. Master meter: Garvie got ahold of landowner concerning easement or selling land for placement of master meter. They have not returned any information. Fort Lincoln: Garvie approves the pre-construction NDPRD agreement to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 to cover Missouri West's required 25% cost share for pre-construction engineering services. The North Dakota Department of Water Resources is providing the remaining 75% cost share in the amount of \$96,000. This MOU applies solely to the pre-construction engineering phase of the project but needs to add wording that this is contingent on receiving funding from State Water Commission. The construction phase Mgr. Garvie has issues with it because MWWS should be held harmless and the state should be held responsible if any construction is stopped due to various reasons including archeological issues. Construction phase can be determined after the engineering has been completed. Changes to the service agreements will be tabled until November meeting. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$305,158 and expenditures, totaling \$261,938 of the MWWS for the month of September 2025 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025 report. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt MCU. There are no additional costs for building the new office/shop due to geo tech survey.
5. Missouri River Intake Site Feedback Form: Discussion on the feedback form. Most beneficial for the Board would be the Washburn to SD line.
6. MC Parks: Harmon Lake page reported a vehicle at HL ripping up roads and driving erratically. HP gave him a citation. Cody Schnabel reported camping collections for 2025 for HL \$38,038, and total for MC parks \$145,348.00. Water is shut off at HL, but power is still on. Campground host is done by next year. An application has been received for a wedding venue to be held at HL August 2026. Flagpole is bent and MC Parks is considering moving the pole to a different location. HL water gate is still open. DEQ is going to participate in a study with Boston University thru NASA for a grant to be used with a satellite study for algae and would like to receive the data from the mixers. Consensus is to allow them to receive the data. A reminder to Cody that there is fencing at the maintenance building for around the outlet structure. He will try to get this done either this fall or next spring. There is a beaver dam near the toe drain at HL. Will need to contact the landowner for removal of it.
7. Beaver Dam: Arlon Ruff discussed that a letter was attempted to be served. It came back as unserved. The gentleman is out of the country for 8 months. His question to Arlon was what is to be

done about the other 2 obstructions. He believes the beaver has either left or died and why is there no other obstructions being taken care of. We had a complaint from an upstream landowner and that is why the Board knows about this. Arlon has a phone number and email so he can be contacted. He will ask what his intentions are.

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

<b><u>CK#</u></b>	<b><u>NAME:</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT:</u></b>	<b><u>MEMO:</u></b>
1703	Bruce Engelhardt	\$396.91	Meetings, mileage
1704	Todd Norton	\$208.59	Meetings, mileage
1705	James Schmidt	\$196.17	Meetings, mileage
1706	James Wetsch	\$648.17	Meetings
1707	Brenda Winckler	\$1357.72	Salary, lunch reimbursed
1708	Wade Bachmeier	\$174.54	Meetings
1709	Kelsch Law Firm	\$1250.44	Legal fee
EFT	IRS	\$554.44	Payroll taxes

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