

Unapproved  
Morton County Water Resource District  
October 30, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, October 30, 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, Legal Council.

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the September 26, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$485,364 and expenditures totaling \$351,295 of the MWWS for the month of September and the Balance Sheet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for 2024. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Engelhardt. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reviewed with the Board: With the heavy rains this summer, a customer had heavy erosion behind his shop due mainly to the downspout on his shop eroding the land and exposed our water line. The result of this had nothing to do with MWWS. MWWS plans to abandon the water line, to be completed in the next couple weeks and the rest will be up to the homeowner. Mgr. Engelhardt moved that due to erosion caused by factors which MWWS did nothing to contribute to and became a threat to the water line; MWWS will abandon the water line along the railroad bank, as the water system will function properly without that line. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. A MWWS member would like reimbursement for use of his water line that he installed. Mgr. Schmidt moved to have Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West check with Dept. of water resources if that can be included to the Lyons Road project and report back next meeting. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU. MWWS has a request for a new subdivision with 80 lots. Engineer has reviewed and is not recommended due to lack of infrastructure at this time. Lyons Road Project has been completed. End points have been installed. 27 connections, 8 pasture taps are included. Reseeding will be completed in the spring. Mgr. Garvie is requesting to pay the application for payment # 7 for \$395,399. Mgr. Norton moved to pay the application. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU. Future projects will be new master meter and the Flasher tank. Mgr. Garvie discussed plans for a future building for MWWS.

5. Morton County Parks: Tim Nilsen reported water has been turned off at HL and power will be turned off on the November 12<sup>th</sup>. Things went relatively well at HL. They will run things the same for 2025. Revenues for 2024 put us in second high since 2018. Income was: Sept \$4630 and \$37,328 total for 2024. There was some trail damage from the 7 inches of rain which will be fixed next year.

6. O&M: Mgr. Norton attended the 2 dam inspections in Oliver County. Schwalbe Dam overflow pipe had water leaking around instead of through. Other than mole hills and tree sprouts that need to be removed nothing major happening. HL Dam inspection went well. Mgr. Wetsch attended it. They viewed the toe drain. They also put a GPS marker at the drain. Beaver Dam was gone, small trees need to be removed and ruts in secondary spill need to be filled.

7. Upper Missouri Water Association: Mgr. Schmidt attended the meeting in Butte, MT. Attended the water board meeting, discussion was held; national water has increased the dues and would like to include the Rural Water Districts to the Board. State address: included water rep from each state. Ken Royce gave a presentation. Schmidt will be interviewed for what has been done thru the MR EAP. Presentations went well, but there was as lack of presentation for the other states. Montana would like to partner with ND for an upper MR Basin EAE. Superintendent of schools, response was teachers don't know much about MR and they will help set up programs to educate both teachers and students.

8. MR/ Willow Road Bank Stabilization Expense: Invoice from Robert J. David for bank stabilization on the Willow Road expense which for our share came to \$18,800. Chairman Bachmeier will get more information for this.

9. HL Rec Association: Stanstead created a 501C3 for the HL Rec. The invoice needs to be paid by the HL Rec from the ND Community Foundation. Discussion on removing funding from ND Community Foundation and creating a new account to make these payments. Mgr. Wetsch will send the invoice to ND Community Foundation to be paid.

10. Insurance on HL property: When we had hail damage, each building had its own deductible. Now we can join all properties at \$500 per year which would make it \$1000 deductible total instead of per building. Mgr Engelhardt moved to leave insurance as we have it now. Mgr. Norton seconded the motion. MCU.

11. Financial Reports: 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>
1590	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1591	Bruce Engelhardt	\$388.38	Meetings, mileage
1592	James Schmidt	\$708.55	Meetings, mileage
1593	James Wetsch	\$309.56	Meetings, mileage
1594	Brenda Winckler	\$1484.12	Salary, equip rent, lunch, Stamps
1595	Wade Bachmeier	\$610.90	Meetings
EFT	IRS	\$645.48	Payroll taxes
1596	Bair Law Firm	\$600.00	Legal Fees
1597	Starion Financial	\$12,860.13	SBC Loan Pmt

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