

UNAPPROVED

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

September 20, 2017

1. The Board of Managers of the Morton County Water Resource District met in Regular Session at 10 AM on September 20, 2017 at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37th St NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, Secretary Brenda Winckler, and Managers, Jamie Wetsch, Ray Christensen, Jim Schmidt and George Saxowsky. Also present were Tony Goetzfried, Tim Nilsen, Mike Kemnitz, and Karen Brooks, MWWS, Tom Bair, Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z, Brandon Schafer, NRCS, Mike Gunsch, Houston Engineering, and Terry Albee, ND Natural Res. Trust.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order. Minutes: Manager Schmidt moved to approve the regular minutes from August 30, 2017. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MC. The Chairman requested the original minutes to be filed with the secretary and that copy to be sent to the County Auditor, State Water Commission, and Legal Counsel, Tom Bair.
4. MWWS: Manager Kemnitz gave the following reports: The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$253,743 and expenditures totaling \$185,600 of the MWWS for the month of August 2017. Manager Schmidt made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Kemnitz reported that the use of Schlosser Excavating has reduced their overhead significantly. Contractors are not required to use Schlosser Excavating, but all contractors need to be bonded, licensed, and build according to MWWS specs and will need to be inspected by MWWS. Discussion was held concerning changes in the policy to have MWWS build and design the water lines in subdivisions and the developer pays the bill upfront. Consensus of Board is to have Mgr. Kemnitz revise the policy and bring back to the Board for approval.
5. BCWD & MCWRD Breakfast: Dennis Reep requested MCWRD help sponsor the breakfast with BCWRD at the Water Dist. Assn. meeting to be held at the State Water Convention. Mgr. Schmidt moved to approve and Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. MCU.
6. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported that he met with Trees on the Move to discuss moving trees from the nursery to the tree rows. There are 59 ponderosa pines, 45 are excellent, 46 spruce, 35 are good. If we add another row of trees we will not have access to the middle rows. Consensus of the Board is to have MC Parks remove the undesirable trees and put new stock in that row instead of creating a new row. Tim will choose the trees to replant. Bisman Rec

& Reel donated \$1000 to MC Parks for trees. 9 trees went to Harmon Lake. Tim is also working on a grant for trees for next year. BEK has not begun building at HL. They were not receptive to putting a flag pole by the building. Tim also spoke with Mike Aubol about the repairs by the beach. They have not been there yet. So far this year, HL brought in \$37,236 compared to \$42,093 last year. Tim is waiting to hear from the engineering dept. on the details and specs of the Fish Creek repair. He thinks it will be completed this fall. SWC and G&F will provide funding.

7. MC Projects: Tony Goetzfried reported that he has been working with Tim on the trees. He also recommends the garage be cleaned out and install metal shelves. Consensus of the Board is to have Tony purchase 2 shelves for the garage. The US Dept of Interior will install gauges to determine depth on streams on the Lower Heart. Lower Heart WRD asked MCWRD to help pay for gauges on the Big Muddy at Almont. All of the gauges reflect flows that end up in the Heart River. Chairman Bachmeier will contact Bill Robinson about this.
8. NRCS: Brandon Schafer reported that there is a new 319 grant. He is requesting a letter of support from the Board. The Dept of Health will choose the area where most of the runoff occurs. There are 22 animal feed operations. Mgr. Schmidt will write the letter of support. Brandon also reported that until a replace for Michelle Doyle happens, the Oliver County DC will assume her duties.
9. Otter Creek Cleanout: Mike Gunsch was present to discuss the cleanouts. Estimates are :

\$148,560 opinion of probable cost: Bid dates: September 29th 11am, substantial completion date is November 15, 2017, final completion November 30th. Invites will be sent to interested contractors. Mgr. Saxowsky moved and Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion to authorize the amended drainage permit submission for work to be completed and approve the plans and specifications for bidding as presented by Houston Engineering. Schmidt: yes, Christensen: yes, Wetsch: yes, Saxowsky: yes, Bachmeier: yes. MCU. Terry from Partners with Amer. Foundation for Wildlife entered into a partnership with Wachter Development. The easement states to maintain and not develop. He does not see any reason to not participate with the cleanout. After the USDA NRCS approval, they will proceed and coordinate with easements and the farm bill participation for the landowners. They will need landowner's consensus before they can proceed.
10. Zachmeier CAT: Mike Gunsch discussed the repairs. Estimates are:

Probable cost: \$68,701, includes the structure.
Bid Date: September 29th 11am
Substantial completion: November 15th.
11. HL Breach Zone: The state is not in a position to discuss changes and would like to do more research. The Water Board would like to be included in the planning and decisions but no timeline has been set for this. Natalie Pierce, MC P&Z reported that a public meeting will be

held for the draft of the future land use design. In lieu of no decision, the Board would like to recommend MC Commission and P&Z place a moratorium on building on the MR bottom flats located downstream of HL to include the outline of the design flood map. Mgr. Schmidt moved to send letter to the MC Commission and P&Z stating this. Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion. Christensen: yes, Schmidt: yes, Wetsch: yes, Bachmeier: yes, Saxowsky: no. MC.

- 12. SWC Cost Share: The Board received a letter stating that SWC cancelled all the remaining cost share funds for the Harmon Lake project. Invoices must be dated before June, 2017. Mgr. Bachmeier will contact Mike Aubol concerning the invoice for the paving at HL.
- 13. Financial Reports: Mgr. Schmidt moved and Mgr. Christensen seconded the motion to approve and pay the following vouchers. MC.

<u>CK#</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>	<u>MEMO</u>
5718	VOID		
5719	VOID		
5720	Bair Law Firm	\$950.00	Legal Fees
5721	Houston Engineering	\$26,833.41	Engineering fees
5722	Louie's Repair	\$195.00	Remove culvert
5723	Raymond Christensen	\$174.68	Meetings, mileage
5724	Tony Goetzfried	\$122.82	Meetings, mileage
			Reimbursements
5725	George Saxowsky	\$184.68	Meetings, mileage
5726	James Schmidt	\$141.17	Meetings, mileage
5727	James Wetsch	\$201.35	Meetings, mileage
5728	Brenda Winckler	\$971.97	Salary, equip rent, Postage, meal
5729	Wade Bachmeier	\$311.69	Meetings, mileage
EFT	IRS	\$407.40	Payroll taxes

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

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas