

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
September 26, 2024

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Thursday, September 26, 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 arrived at 11:30, Bruce Engelhardt, James Schmidt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Tim Nilsen, MC Parks, Wayne Ruzicka, Sunflo, and Tom Bair, Bair Law Firm.

3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Norton moved to approve the August 28, 2024 minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

4. MWWS: Financials were reviewed. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$528,381 and expenditures totaling \$635,884 of the MWWS for the month of August 2024. Manager Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Mgr. Garvie reviewed with the Board: Bartlett & West is working on creating an updated map for the SW Authority for the Board Room. Lyons Road update: 5 RR bores are completed. They will need to flush and set 3 more meter pits, pressure, chlorine, fill and should be completed by the 2nd week in October. Fees are included for on-sight RR inspectors from Wilson Co. which was included in the construction bid. 1st bore at bottom of the hill, we requested shorter casings, BN requested additional casings, 160 ft. Extra cost was for mobile relocation fee. Pipeline abandonment for pipe on Jesse Herr property is in the plan to be completed this fall. Bryan has the information from the meter recordings and will get back with a model for the next meeting. DEQ is doing questionnaires on projects and needs to be completed to be put on the next agenda. Have a disgruntled customer about the fluoride in the water, stating its toxic and would like to cease and desist from putting it in. Tom Bair will send a letter.

5. HL Pond Analysis: Wayne Ruzicka, Sunflo, gave a sludge report that was completed at HL to help determine where anchoring should be for the flo meters. Avg. depth of lake is 14.4 ft. , surveyed 124 acres and there is approximately 1.6 billion gallons of water in HL. Meters will have 25 feet of hose, with different intake levels, used reconditioned float foam but will make all the same at the same weight. Units will be completed by the end of October. Wane would like insight as to put them in now and move at freeze up or just store on site until next spring. The floating sensor will be installed before freeze up but has no moving parts, but the mixers can be placed either by the water or by the shop building until spring. Consensus of the Board is to put them by the maintenance building. State could not give an answer as to measuring algae, so they will go with what other states are using.

6. HL Storm Damage: Cardinal Home Improvement will be doing the work. Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve using Cardinal Home Improvement for the damage as per the insurance estimate. Mgr. Schmidt seconded it. MCU. Stock Dam survived the 7 inches of rain.

7. MC Parks: Tim Nilsen reported they will monitor the weather to determine when water will be shut off. Income for HL is \$38,408 for the year and \$6800 for the last month. That is currently about \$4200 above the average. They closed the draw down about 2 weeks ago, was open about 1.25 inches, which ran for about month and a half, dropped about 21 inches which eliminated bad water from the bottom.

8. MRJWB Joint Powers Agreement: Bylaw changes include, voting member had to be appointed by a county water board, yearly membership fee will be based on 3 tiers, with the highest full taxable being the highest tier, and prorate accordingly. They will allow any County WRD who is part of the MR Basin to join the MRJWB. MRJW Board approved the changes but each county needs to approve. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the changes in the Joint Powers Agreement and authorize Chairman Bachmeier to sign. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. McLean Count WRD has not joined yet but will hopefully do so. Special assessments will not happen unless the project is in that Water District.

9. MR Bank Stabilization: Currently near completion on working on bank stabilization on Willow Road.

10. Oliver County Dam Inspections: Mgr. Norton can make Berger and Schwalbe, but not HL, Mgr. Wetsch will attend the HL inspection.

11. Financial Reports: Mgr. Wetsch Moved to approve and pay the following vouchers. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>Ck#</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>	<i>Memo:</i>
1581	Bair Law Firm	\$2070.00	Legal Fees
1582	Celley's Sports	\$317.05	Trail Mower Maintenance
1583	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$523.63	Meetings
1584	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.18	Meetings, mileage
1585	Todd Norton	\$331.23	Meetings, mileage
1586	James Schmidt	\$196.16	Meetings, mileage
1587	James Wetsch	\$674.37	Meetings, mileage
1588	Brenda Winckler	\$1309.52	Salary, equip rent
EFT	IRS	\$1175.82	Payroll taxes
1589	Bair Law Firm	\$2250.00	Legal Fees

12. At 1:00 pm, Chairman Bachmeier called for the eating to be temporarily recessed and to be reconvened at 1:30 pm at the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives offices located at 3201 Nygren Dr. NW, Mandan. The meeting was reconvened at said time and place. The board participated in a public meeting of the Missouri River Joint Water Board to discuss the importance of the Missouri River and the Joint Water Board's Educate, Advocate and Engage initiative. At 3:45, the meeting was adjourned.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.