

Unapproved  
Morton County Water Resource District  
September 24, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Missouri West Water offices at 2816 37t St. NW, Mandan, ND.
2. The following persons were present: Chairman Wade Bachmeier, via go to meeting, Managers: James Wetsch, Bruce Engelhardt, Todd Norton, Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas., Karin Garvie, Hunter Schlosser, Craig Tokach, Dusty Hadley, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Bartlett and West, Cody Schnabel, MC Parks & Weed Board Director, and Arlon Ruff, Kelsch Law Firm.
3. V. Chairman Wetsch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve August 27, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: Notice of claim of damages regarding work with a subcontractor working on Honey Hills. Mgr. Garvie has been working with the insurance company. On June 3, 2025, excavation crew began lowering pipe. When it was turned on there was a leak, when he cut into the pipe, it exploded, with their employee receiving cuts and teeth knocked out. They are claiming we did not relieve the pressure in the pipe. Siteworks chose to use C900 pipes, not our recommendation. Garvie filed a claim with NDIRF. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> forwarded the notice to Schlosser Excavating saying MWWS has no liability. It's in the insurance hands. MWWS is having a difficult time finding land location for the new master meter. Based on future location for the master meter, discussion was held concerning if MWWS should purchase a lot, or small lot to put meter and any future meter projects. Bryan will lay out the 3 open spots that would work for this project, 200x200 ft, and have Mgr. Garvie approach the owners about purchase of one of these lots. These lots are being supplied water by City of Mandan and probably zoned residential. Will have to be rezoned commercial. New office building layout: Last meeting suggested putting front door facing the parking lot. The shop area was resized from 60x75 to 60x90. Cost of modifications is estimated at \$2.1 million plus other costs of site work, contingency, furnishings, estimated at an additional \$800,000. Task order #321 from Bartlett & West includes additional expense for a fire suppression design. Bachmeier moved to approve the plans for the new office building and to enter the task order #321 included. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Detention pond is 100x100 and the shop walls are 16 ft. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$316,753 and expenditures totaling \$232,077 of the MWWS for the month of August 2025. Mgr. Norton moved to accept and place these reports in file. Mgr. Bachmeier seconded. MCU. Discussion on contractually, Schlosser has a verbal agreement with MWWS on the work they do for us. There is no paperwork stating this. Arlen Ruff agrees there should be a contract that lays out what their job scope would be.
5. Harmon Lake Hay Contract: Same contract as previously only changed the rent to \$3/bale instead of per acre and change the date of payment to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the 3-year hay lease at \$3 per bale with Ian Placek. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.
6. MC Parks: Cody provided a copy of the application for events and activities he put together. This would cover all activities that can be scheduled at any of the Morton Parks. Cody spoke to ND DOT about putting a Harmon Lake sign on Hwy. 25. Said they would get back to him. DEQ has determined that HL is under a blue green algae advisory. The gate has been open about an inch all summer.

Consensus of the Board is to ask DEQ to sample at the same spot to help with knowledge of if the mixers are making any improvements at HL. In the SW corner of the lake there is a Texas crossing where there is a huge tree down and the haying person can't get into that area. Cody will have them get that tree out. Currently they are doing some roofing work at Sweetbriar. There are 2 Sunflo information signs that need to be placed at Harmon Lake. Cody will take care of that.

7. MRJWB: Ken Royce has attended 2 conferences in SD. Attended League of Cities, National WR Convention in Arizona. MR Forum, Royce, EAE, Duane Dukray, Garrison Diversion, Reece or Clay, DWR, Jim Schmidt, and Mike Gunsch.

8. Beaver Dam: Kelsch Law Firm sent a registered letter regarding removal of the beaver dam. They have not received documentation that he has received or refused the letter.

9. Financials: A letter requesting the same Zachmeier CAT Special Assessment has been mailed to the MC Auditor. Mgr. Engelhardt moved to approve the financials. Mgr. Schmidt seconded the motion. MCU.

<i>CK#</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>AMOUNT:</i>	<i>MEMO:</i>
1693	Office of the State Auditor	\$8374.00	2024 Audit
1694	ND Water Res Dist. Assn.	\$700.00	2026 Dues
1695	ND Water Users Assn.	\$325.00	2026 Dues
1696	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.19	Meetings, mileage
1697	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1698	James Schmidt	\$396.90	Meetings, mileage
1699	James Wetsch	\$309.56	Meetings, mileage
1700	Brenda Winckler	\$1376.84	Salary, Lunch reimbursed
1701	MRJWB	\$7500.00	EAE Contribution
1702	Wade Bachmeier	\$261.82	Meetings
EFT	IRS	\$511.08	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