

Unapproved
Morton County Water Resource District
November 26, 2025

1. The Morton County Water Resource District met in regular session at 10am on Wednesday, November 26, 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, Carrie Schaner, Craig Tokach, Hunter Schlosser, Dust Hadley, MWWS, Bryan Ziegler, Katie Vasbinder, Kamryn Brecht, Bartlett and West, Cody Schnabel, MC Parks & Weed Board Director, and Arlen Ruff, Kelsch Law Firm.
3. Chairman Bachmeier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes: Mgr. Wetsch moved to approve the amended October 29, 2025, minutes. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU.
4. MWWS: Mgr. Garvie reported on the following: 2026 COLA adjustment request is a 4% increase, based on other water boards, and the rising costs. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the 4% COLA cost increase. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU EOY employee bonus request is \$15,000 to be divided by the manager at her discretion. Mgr. Norton moved to approve the \$15,000 employee bonus. Mgr. Wetsch seconded the motion. Katie presented the estimate for the building of the MWWS building. The estimate increased by 30% and offers some flexibility. Katie's recommendation is to contact builders for estimates so we are in the range we need to be. Consensus of the Board is to get estimates from contractors because this estimate is way over our projection. Mgr. Norton asked what we could do to reduce the cost. Generator for part of building vs. whole building. She can provide a list for the Board. Consensus of the Board is to wait for contractor estimates before any determination is made. The Board reviewed the income, totaling \$232,260 and expenditures totaling \$254,304 of the MWWS for the month of October 2025. Mgr. Norton made a motion to accept and place these reports in file. Second by Mgr. Schmidt. MCU. Mgr. Bachmeier visited with a SW resident who thinks he could get 25 signups. They are in a pocket area, but would have to rehab the infrastructure to do that. That booster station is maxed out right now. Mgr. Garvie will do research on location of the 25 and see what could be done.
5. MC Parks: Sign Boards didn't stand up to the weather, so Cody found some new boards at \$1600 each. Mgr. Norton moved to allow the purchase of 2 new boards. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Cody discussed a new flag pole. Cody will bring back some cost estimates and report back. Power has been shut off and Wi-Fi is on vacation mode until spring. Mgr. Wetsch closed the slide gate. There is some spalling that needs to be grouted near the gate. The mixer units have been taken to the back bay and out of sight. Wetsch received an email and phone call from 2 college students doing research from Brown University with a NASA study about predicting and preventing blue green algae. Told them what has been done at HL.
6. Beaver Dam: The beaver is no longer there. They will need to determine how and when to remove the dam.
7. Haying at HL: We received a check for the hay cut at HL. Contract is done for 2026. Consensus is to allow him to cut as much as he wants and then proceed with the 3 year rotation.

8. Financial Reports: CD renewal is due at Starion Bank. Mgr. Wetsch moved to put the CD into the 11 month at a rate of 3.64% at Starion Bank. Mgr. Engelhardt seconded the motion. MCU. Mgr. Engelhardt 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>
1710-1715 VOIDED			
1716	Wade M. Bachmeier	\$349.08	Meetings
1717	Bruce Engelhardt	\$194.19	Meetings, mileage
1718	Todd Norton	\$208.60	Meetings, mileage
1719	James Schmidt	\$370.70	Meetings, mileage
1720	James Wetsch	\$146.73	Meetings, mileage
1721	Brenda Winckler	\$1262.90	Salary, lunch reimbursed
EFT	IRS	\$496.64	Payroll taxes
1722	Kelsch Law Firm	\$360.00	Legal fees

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chairman

Brenda Winckler, Sec-Treas.