

## MANDAN REMEDIATION TRUST (MRT)

May 5, 2020

**Meeting:** 320<sup>th</sup> Official Meeting  
**Date:** May 5, 2020  
**Location:** Mandan City Hall, 205 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

The MRT meeting was called to order with Jim Neubauer and Francis Schwindt present as Trustees along with Leon Vetter of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality via telephone conference and GoToMeeting.

**Minutes.** MRT minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion.** Schwindt moved to approve minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting and seconded by Neubauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Bank of North Dakota statement.** Neubauer - The most recent Bank of North Dakota statement for the period ending February 29, 2020 shows a balance of \$5,738,717.13. Three CDs came due in March: one at \$4.5 million and two at \$500,000. These were reinvested in CDs for six months. They will be due September 25 and will earn .45% interest which is considerably lower than what we had been getting, but with the Feds lowering the rates to zero and the uncertainty, we opted to go for just six month CDs rather than extend it out to a year which wasn't that much more money on what would be earned anyway. We will see a deposit of probably \$100,000 in March on the interest we earned on the \$4.5 million CD, so that's a good thing.

**Billing from WSP.** Invoice dated April 23, 2020 for \$768.48 for charges for period March 6, 2020 through March 27, 2020.

**Motion.** Motion by Schwindt, second by Neubauer to approve paying WSP \$768.48 for the invoice dated April 23, 2020 (Pay Request #494). All ayes. Motion carried.

Letter from Brady Martz for the audit engagement for both the Remediation Trust and the Supplemental Environmental Projects Trust; the fee is similar to those charged in the past. Schwindt moved to approve, second by Neubauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leon Vetter of NDDEQ discussed what the vision would be for the upcoming summer. Looking at the data provided by WSP for the annual hydrocarbon removal vapor phases, the graph shows that there is a significant decrease in the vapor<sub>phase</sub> removal since 2016. The monitoring data from 2018 and 2019 on free product shows there are several wells in all zones that had some free product; and most of the data will show that between 2018 and August of 2019, there was definitely a decrease in just about all wells. But there were a few wells that showed a slight increase from zero in 2018 to some product in 2019. Vetter and Glatt weren't too concerned about those showing a little bit of an increase in free product because the whole system is dynamic. In some years, you will have a little bit of free product showing up in these wells, and in some years, there won't be any. The overall trend from 2016, or even the last five years or even the last two years, is definitely showing a trend of decreasing free product in all the wells. Glatt would like to see a monitoring event in early summer, June or sometime, and if there aren't any large surprises, we could move forward at the end of the summer or early fall to remove a number of the wells but keep some of them also for potential future monitoring.

Neubauer questioned why another monitoring event would need to be done because we've done what the site closure strategy says. Glatt wanted to see results from a couple of wells that showed an increase, and he wants to confirm that it isn't going to be anything that causes problems. Neubauer wondered if the monitoring could be done only on the ones of concern. Vetter said doing more than just the ones of concern would be to show that the other wells are continuing to show no increase. In collecting these data points, it's nice to have consistency over a number of years rather than just kind of picking a couple of wells that we think might be increased or decreased, so we can show that the whole system is stable. Vetter is in favor of doing more wells rather than less; he will get clarification from Glatt on this. Schwindt wondered if the results from another monitoring event were favorable, would this then be the last one NDDEQ would require? Neubauer and Schwindt asked for a written recommendation from NDDEQ by May 22.

Schwindt questioned Neubauer about whether the City has gone through the buildings and marked which equipment they want to keep. Neubauer said it hadn't been scheduled yet; they were waiting to get news from NDDEQ as to the closure plan. Neubauer said he would get something arranged.

**No Further Business.**

**Next Meeting.** June 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**Motion to Adjourn.** Schwindt moved to adjourn; second by Neubauer. All ayes. Motion carried.