**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

**151 S. 4th St, Suite 348, Grand Forks, ND 58203**

**, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held at the County Office Building on August 16, 2023. Attending were Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider by phone, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Dan Gaustad, Paul Bjorg, Mark Aanenson, Mike Opat and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Tom Durkin to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023, as read.

A motion was made by Tom Durkin seconded by Bob Drees to approve the bills as listed. A rollcall vote was taken with all members voting yes.

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| **Date** | **Ref No.** | **Payee** | **Memo** | **Payment** | **Deposit** |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Stottrup Excavating & Septic |  | 350.00 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Nodak Electric |  | 9,106.88 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Premium Water |  | 13.00 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Workforce Safety & Insurance |  | 2,514.47 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Countrywide Sanitation |  | 1,540.14 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Fordville Coop Oil |  | 866.40 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Ohnstad Electric |  | 573.82 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | CAL'S ICE SERVICE |  | 151.20 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Hatton Co-op Oil |  | 3,199.20 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Keith Drees |  | 9,656.58 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Grand Forks Utility Billing |  | 58.75 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | CHS AG Services |  | 1,519.14 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Bernatello Pizza |  | 165.00 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | HDR Engineering Inc |  | 11,936.25 |  |
| 08/15/2023 |  | Grand Forks County Highway |  | 51,103.00 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30361 | RONNY SRNSKY | Payroll | 362.01 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30360 | CHRYSTALL RUTTER | Payroll | 1,389.72 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30359 | BRYCEN NESDAHL | Payroll | 1,338.32 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30358 | ANGELA NELSON | Payroll | 1,106.90 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30357 | MICHAEL MYERS | Payroll | 726.40 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | 30356 | CYNTHIA CHRISTLIEB | Payroll | 462.21 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | Payroll | 1,144.79 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 200.00 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 2,236.39 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | GABRIELLA ABRIL | Payroll | 458.06 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | JOANN LAVIGNE | Payroll | 533.29 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | RICHARD LEGG | Payroll | 465.17 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | JAYDEN BONDY | Payroll | 709.26 |  |
| 08/15/2023 | DD | GAVIN LAMONT | Payroll | 265.96 |  |
| 08/14/2023 |  | IRS | Fed Tax Pmt | 2,675.72 |  |
| 08/14/2023 |  | IRS | Fed Tax Pmt | 406.42 |  |
| 08/14/2023 |  | Grand Forks Finance & Tax |  |  | 8,112.60 |
| 08/11/2023 |  | NDPERS | Retirement | 1,534.10 |  |
| 08/11/2023 |  | Red River Watershed Mgmt. Board | Cost Share |  | 8,381.32 |
| 08/10/2023 |  | Capitol One | Whitepages | 29.99 |  |
| 08/10/2023 | DD | GAVIN LAMONT | Payroll | 1,505.44 |  |
| 08/09/2023 | 30355 | Nathan Bornsen | reimbursement | 242.63 |  |
| 08/03/2023 |  | IRS | Fed Tax Pmt | 7,057.33 |  |
|  |  |  | TOTALS | 117,603.94 | 16,493.92 |

The engineer surveyed the request made by Nelson County to participate in cleaning the ditch along the county line in Moraine Township. His opinion is that it shouldn’t be a water board issue it should be a county highway issue.

Jerry and Keith Drees went out to LD#58 to repair the diversion control structure, stop logs were added and it was covered with C Channel. There is a landowner that is digging a large ditch on his own property that adds to the sediment pile up on the drain. Paul Bjorg stated that the USDA has a cost share program for seeding a grass waterway, which has been suggested to the landowner to reduce the sediment flow. Tom Durkin made a motion that a letter be sent to the landowner requesting permission to conduct an investigation on the work done. Bob Drees seconded the motion.

The pipe on Damsite 8 has pulled away from the tower, ice seems to have gotten under the pipe and heaved it up. Jerry suggests we dig up the line between the apron and add a new plastic pipe and line it. The board advised that a plan be drawn up to submit to NRCS for their comments before the work starts. Bob Drees made that motion and Tom Durkin seconded it.

Jerry updated the board on the progress of Damsite 2 and 5.

Keith replaced a culvert in Section 4 of Lakeville Township.

David Keifer submitted a drain tile application for Section 2 of Avon township. The permit will be approved at the next meeting once the conditions are available.

The board moved to go into executive session 44-04-1921 and 44-04-1922 for attorney consultation regarding reasonably predictable litigation regarding the Leake’s 60-day notice of intent to sue. Tim Farrell made the motion and Bob Drees.

Tim Farrell made a motion to leave executive session and Bob Drees seconded it. Executive session ended at 11:25 a.m.

Tim Farrell made a motion to have Houston Engineering reach out to the Core in regard to LD#a58.

Tim Farrell made a motion to adjourn, and Tom Durkin seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kari Lavecchia/Secretary-Treasurer

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Tom Perdue/Chairman

Addendum to Minutes from the Chairman

* Attended the Red River Joint Board executive board meeting, they approved the cost share on Dam 2 for $18K with state cost share, and upon full board approval in Sept for $46K without state cost share.
* We should submit for cost share to state and them for repairs on Dam 5.
* Met with Mike and Norris from Tri County Water in Petersburg along with Tom Durkin, Nat, and Perry about the water pressure problem in our parks.  The agreed to make some pipe size changes and said we could get water pressure booster pumps; estimated cost would be approximately $1000.  I suggested that he look into this and upon board approval, the managers would purchase them for their respective parks.
* I requested Nat spray Fordville when he does Larimore and he agreed to take care of that
* I had a conversation with Christi Fisher, NRCS engineer about the tilting problem with the Dam 8 riser.  For the record, the riser was replaced in 2008 for the same problem. It was also moved into the dam to provide more stability, its tilting again and should be a warranty issue with NRCS.  He said that it wouldn’t be the boards concern at this time.