**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**Oct 4, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on October 4, 2023, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending were Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Adam Grabanski, and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Jim Heider to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023, as read.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Bob Drees and seconded by Tim Farrell. A rollcall vote was taken with all members voting yes.

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| **Date** | **Ref No.** | **Payee** | **Memo** | **Payment** | **Deposit** |
| 10/02/2023 | EFT | IRS | Tax Pmt | 5,567.40 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30413 | John Deere Financial |  | 1,030.08 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30412 | Rick Hendrickson |  | 147.50 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30411 | Brady Martz |  | 10,000.00 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30409 | Grand Forks County Highway |  | 511.03 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30408 | State Farm Insurance |  | 90.43 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30407 | Polar Communication |  | 654.89 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30406 | Tri County Water |  | 270.00 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30405 | Pribula Engineering |  | 21,960.00 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30404 | Grand Forks Utility Billing |  | 58.75 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30403 | State Farm Insurance |  | 283.77 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30402 | Countrywide Sanitation |  | 1,540.14 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30393 | CHRYSTALL RUTTER | Payroll | 1,389.74 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30392 | BRYCEN NESDAHL | Payroll | 181.01 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30391 | ANGELA NELSON | Payroll | 1,042.62 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30390 | CYNTHIA CHRISTLIEB | Payroll | 516.24 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | 30389 | NATHAN BORNSEN | Payroll | 4,784.34 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | GABRIELLA ABRIL | Payroll | 742.87 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | RICHARD LEGG | Payroll | 80.55 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | JOANN LAVIGNE | Payroll | 588.87 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 200.00 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 2,236.38 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | Payroll | 1,144.80 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | JONI SCHILL | Payroll | 3,604.46 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | THOMAS DURKIN | Payroll | 956.79 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | TIMOTHY FARRELL | Payroll | 1,137.55 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | JAMES HEIDER | Payroll | 1,146.96 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | WILLIAM T. PERDUE | Payroll | 1,291.98 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DD | ROBERT DREES | Payroll | 923.79 |  |
| 09/29/2023 | DEP | INTEREST CREDIT |  |  | 115.55 |
| 09/28/2023 | 30401 | Advanced Bus. Methods |  | 91.08 |  |
| 09/28/2023 | 30400 | Nodak Electric |  | 8,098.27 |  |
| 09/28/2023 | 30399 | State Farm Insurance |  | 420.13 |  |
| 09/28/2023 | 30398 | Schmitz, Inc |  | 650.00 |  |
| 09/27/2023 | 30397 | Starion Bond Services | INT PMT LD 58 | 23,302.50 |  |
| 09/27/2023 | 30396 | Starion Bond Services | INT PMT LD 59 | 37,207.50 |  |
| 09/27/2023 | 30395 | Schmitz, Inc |  | 3,500.00 |  |
| 09/27/2023 | 30394 | Premium Water |  | 26.00 |  |
| 09/20/2023 | EFT | ND Water Comm | Cost Share Pmt |  | 6,644.95 |
| 09/19/2023 | 30409 | ANGELA NELSON | Payroll | 914.00 |  |
| 09/19/2023 | EFT | Capitol One | Credit Card | 2,609.88 |  |
| 09/18/2023 | 30410 | Nelson WRD | Moraine Tnshp | 5,250.00 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | 30386 | CHRYSTALL RUTTER | Payroll | 1,171.18 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | 30385 | BRYCEN NESDAHL | Payroll | 245.65 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | 30384 | ANGELA NELSON | Payroll | 959.06 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | 30383 | CYNTHIA CHRISTLIEB | Payroll | 540.25 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | JOANN LAVIGNE | Payroll | 570.33 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 200.00 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 2,236.39 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | Payroll | 1,144.79 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | RICHARD LEGG | Payroll | 567.22 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | ALLIE IRVINE | Payroll | 221.64 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DD | GABRIELLA ABRIL | Payroll | 611.11 |  |
| 09/15/2023 | DEP | Grand Forks Finance & Tax | Taxes Received |  | 10,530.29 |
| 09/14/2023 | EFT | IRS | Tax Pmt | 1,987.40 |  |
| 09/13/2023 | 30388 | NATHAN BORNSEN | Payroll | 4,784.34 |  |
|  |  |  | **TOTALS** | **161,391.66** | **17290.79** |

Nick West has used aluminized arch bridges in place of replacing existing culverts and they are less expensive than the regular ones at this time. We negotiated getting one from the Highway Department to replace a problematic culvert on the English Coulee Diversion in Section 30, Brenna Township.

Todd Williams in Section 22 of Fairfield township is concerned about a box culvert that was installed by the County Highway Dept. Jerry investigated the issue and determined that just cleaning the ditch will not appropriately correct the problem.

The board needs to start considering an assessment district for the English Coulee Diversion. Carmen Syverson from the City Engineering Dept would like to meet with the board to discuss it. We will set a meeting for January.

There are 4 culverts on LD# 18 that need to be replaced. Bob Drees made a motion to apply a $4 assessment to LD#18 if its still possible for 2024. The motion was seconded by Tom Durkin.

Paul Zavoral will start work on Damsite #5 this fall which will be cost shared by the Red River Joint Board.

Jerry received a call regarding LD #30 where there are culverts that are bad. After investigating it was determined that they were township ditch culverts and not the jurisdiction of the water board.

Jerry placed private property signs on LD#59 by Dennis Narlock in Section 21 and 28 of Bentru Township. The bottom of the shoot is moving slightly due to the weight of the bank causing the drop structure to stretch. Keith Drees will go out to do the repair.

Gowans is putting a bridge in Section 29 of Agnes Township. Jerry determined that they are township culverts and not the responsibility of the water board.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session pursuant to reasonable assumption of legal action according to century code 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 Executive Session started at 10:06 a.m. The action item is to request a jurisdictional determination from the Core. Attending were Dan Gaustad, Mike Opat, Mark Henson, Tom Perdue, Tom Durkin, Bob Drees, Tim Farrell, Jim Heider and Kari Lavecchia. A motion was made by Tom Durkin, and it was seconded by Jim Heider to end executive session at 10:28 a.m.

A motion was made by Bob Drees to continue reaching out to the Army Core of Engineers to include getting a jurisdictional determination. The motion was seconded by Jim Heider.

Adam Grabanski addressed the board concerning an issue with Hoverson Farms tiling projects that drain into an open ditch. Adam is requesting that they bury a 24” pipe and close the ditch. Jerry spoke with Carl Hoverson who verbally agreed to installing and burying a pipe.

Jerry addressed the complaint made by Gary Gonitzke against Brent Schmidt in Section 18 of Inkster Township. After investigation Jerry has determined that there was no natural waterway on his section and therefore the claim was dismissed. Tom Durkin made the motion and Tim Farrell seconded it.

Paul Mutch submitted a drain tile permit for the S ½ of Section 1 Agnes Township. Motion to approve by Bob Drees seconded by Tom Durkin. Approved permit #2023-17

Mark Dickson submitted a drain tile permit for the W ½ of Section 27 Johnstown Township. Motion to approve by Tom Durkin seconded by Tim Farrell. Approved permit #2023-18.

Justin Kyllo submitted a drain tile permit for the SE1/4 Section 4 in Larimore Township. Motion to approve by Tim Farrell seconded by Tom Durkin. Approved permit #2023-19

Joel Slominski submitted a drain tile permit for the NE ¼ Section 6 Turtle River Township. Motion to approve by Tim Farrell seconded by Tom Durkin. Approved permit #2023-20.

Jim Karley submitted a drain tile permit for the SE ¼ Section 29 Johnstown Township. Motion to approve by Jim Heider seconded by Tom Durkin. Approved permit # 2023-21.

David Kiefer submitted a drain tile permit for the NW ¼ Section 2 of Avon Township. Motion to approve by Tim Farrell, seconded by Bob Drees. Approved permit # 2023-22.

Tim Farrell made a motion to have Nat move forward with contacting Tri County to put in a new curb stop, valve and meter, the board decided to wait on the booster pump at this time to see what kind of improvement happens. Nat should contact Mike Blessum from Tri County to get that work started. The board also approved having the line to the bathrooms dug by Ron Swanson. Tom Durkin seconded the motion.

The board approved having Justin Renfrow spray for dandelions at Larimore RV Park. Tom Durkin made the motion to approve spraying and Bob Drees seconded it.

Tom Durkin made a motion to approve updating the camping rates at both Larimore and Fordville RV parks for 2024. Tim Farrell seconded it.

The board agreed that Nat should contact the absent camper and see what his situation is, and possibly let him know there would be a charge added if they have to do the mowing around his camper.

Tim Farrell suggested we remove the bridge across the natural waterway located at the NE 1/4, of the SE 1/4, Section 8, Moraine township. Tom Durkin made the motion and Jim Heider seconded it.

Tom Durkin made a motion to have Tim Farrell negotiate for the best price on purchasing 4 new mowers for the Larimore Dam.

Tom Durkin made a motion to adjourn and Jim Heider seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kari Lavecchia/Secretary-Treasurer

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Tom Perdue/Chairman