**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**November 1, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on Wednesday November 1, 2023, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending were Shaun Anderson, Brent Schmitz, Gerald Roach, Nick Pribula Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Nick West, Dan Gaustad, and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Tom Durkin to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023; as read.

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

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| **Date** | **Payee** | **Memo** | **Payment** | **Deposit** |
| 10/31/2023 | Tri County Water |  | 270.00 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Acme Tools |  | 291.26 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Higher Ground Inc. |  | 9,820.00 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Countrywide Sanitation |  | 385.03 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Advanced Business Methods |  | 91.08 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Stottrup Excavating & Septic |  | 900.00 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | John Deere Financial |  | 952.64 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Glenn Reistad Inc. |  | 24.00 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | Nodak Electric |  | 6,062.25 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | IRS | Tax PMT | 4,594.24 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | NATHAN BORNSEN | PAYROLL | 4,784.34 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | JONI SCHILL | PAYROLL | 3,604.47 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | TIMOTHY FARRELL | PAYROLL | 1,145.48 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | WILLIAM T. PERDUE | PAYROLL | 1,352.91 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | THOMAS DURKIN | PAYROLL | 1,475.32 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | ROBERT DREES | PAYROLL | 923.80 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | JAMES HEIDER | PAYROLL | 1,645.68 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 200.00 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 2,236.39 |  |
| 10/31/2023 | PERRY BELLAH | PAYROLL | 1,144.80 |  |
| 10/24/2023 | DEPOSIT | DEP |  | 1,181.00 |
| 10/20/2023 | USDA | DEP |  | 36,543.00 |
| 10/19/2023 | USDA | DEP |  | 13,923.87 |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | **41,903.69** | **51,647.87** |

The board will set up an initial meeting with the city to discuss creating a new assessment district for LD#18. We will try to find a date in January for that. The board discussed the possibility of combining the assessment area for LD# 23 an LD18 into one assessment district due to LD# 23 dumping into LD# 18.

In Section 17 of Rye on Legal Drain 39, there is an approach on where we placed 2 48” culverts, which are damaged, the board would like to the remove the approach completely. Casey Hoverson agreed to have the culvert in their current approach removed and give them another down field.

Bob Drees made a motion to write a letter to the State Water Commission to release the funds remaining for cost share for LD# 59 and LD# 9 back to the state. The motion was seconded by Tim Farrell.

The board decided that we would make our current excavator operator a county employee instead of an independent contractor starting Nov 1, 2023.

We received a drainage complaint from Brent Schmitz against Gerald Roach stating that Mr. Roach removed a portion of the riverbank and natural berm on the south side of the Turtle River in the NW ¼ of Section 1 Meckinok Township. In addition to placing fill material into the channel to alter the flow of the watercourse. Jerry Pribula investigated, and his findings were that there was never a dike permit issued and it was on Mr. Roach’s land, so he removed an unpermitted structure. The board dismissed the complaint. A motion to dismiss was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Bob Drees.

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