**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**January 17, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on January 17, 2024, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending were Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Nick West, Dan Gaustad, John Botsford, Greg Arhus, Michael Anderson, Nat Bornsen, Joni Schill, and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Bob Drees to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024, as read.

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

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| 01/16/2024 | 30489 | Tri County Water |  | 270.00 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30488 | State Farm Insurance |  | 412.24 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30487 | Polar Communication |  | 597.07 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30486 | Pearson Christensen |  | 12,866.72 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30485 | Nodak Electric |  | 1,352.77 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30484 | HDR Engineering Inc | UTR10 | 9,225.00 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30483 | Grand Forks Utility Billing |  | 58.75 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30482 | GF County Treasurer | Prop tx | 42.80 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | 30481 | Advanced Business Methods |  | 91.08 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | PAYROLL | 1,227.51 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 200.00 |  |
| 01/16/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 2,341.23 |  |
| 01/12/2024 | DEP |  |  |  | 79,816.81 |
| 01/10/2024 | DD | ND Tax Commissioner | FED TX PMT | 171.00 |  |
| 01/04/2024 | DD | NDPERS | RETIREMENT | 1,534.10 |   |
|  |  |  | **TOTALS** | **30,390.27** | **79,816.81** |

Jerry spoke with Carmen Syverson about the English Coulee Diversion project and consolidating and reassessing drains 18 and 23. It was suggested that we abandon the sections that go past the airport and the landfill. The board directed Dan Gaustad to prepare a resolution to consolidate legal drain 11A, 18, and 23. Jim Heider made that motion and Bob Drees seconded it.

The board discussed having the Fordville Access Road chip sealed at the same time the county highway is having theirs done at an approximate cost of $6500.00. A motion to go forward with the chip seal on the access road was made by Tom Durkin and seconded by Jim Heider.

John Botsford and Greg Arhus addressed the board concerning section 17 in Chester township. Their concern is there are two 54” culverts coming from the northside and 2 smaller ones from the east side. They would like to make the culverts on the east side the same size as the north, so the water doesn’t back up. Bob Drees made the motion to have Jerry investigate and make a recommendation and Tim Farrell seconded it.

Nick West addressed the board concerning the big ditch by Manvel, in section 28 of Lakeville Township. There are 3 bridges that need repair, and he is hoping for the boards agreement to cost share with the county highway department on those projects.

Nat Bornsen addressed the board and outlined his annual report on the Larimore Dam RV Park. Nat was able to meet with Mike Blessum from Tri County Water about bringing larger water lines into the park. They will be out in the spring to start work. The board discussed the need for a new bathhouse at Larimore. Bob Drees made a motion to have Jerry and Nat to move forward with the demolition of the old building and come up with designs that can be brought to an architect for approval.

Nat requested approval to remove Kevin Marier’s RV from the park due to non-payment. Tom Durkin made a motion to send an evection letter to Mr. Marier and Jim Heider seconded it.

Jim Heider made a motion to increase the insurance coverage on the WRD owned property $364.00 annually. Tim Farrell seconded the motion.

Derrik Ellingson submitted a drain tile permit application for section 9 in Lakeville Township. Tim Farrell approved the permit and Tom Perdue seconded it. The permit was given #2024-1.

Scott Krogstad submitted a drain tile permit application for section 35 in Northwood Township. Bob Drees approved the permit and Tom Durkin seconded it. The permit was given #2024-2.

Bob Drees 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