**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**February 21, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on February 21, 2024, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending were Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Jim Heider and seconded by Tom Durkin to approve the minutes of February 7, 2021, 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** | **Ref No.** | **Payee** | **Memo** | **Payment** | **Deposit** |
| 02/21/2024 |  | IRS | Fed Tx  | 918.66 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30499 | Tri County Water |  | 270.00 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30498 | Steele County WRD | Assessments | 17,929.88 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30497 | PRIBULA PLLC |  | 3,223.75 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30496 | Premium Water |  | 31.98 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30495 | Polar Communication |  | 596.95 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30494 | Nodak Electric |  | 1,550.63 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30493 | Houston Engineering  |  | 2,489.50 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30492 | HDR Engineering Inc |  | 6,040.00 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30491 | GF Utility Billing |  | 62.79 |  |
| 02/20/2024 | 30490 | GFC Highway Dept |  | 578.00 |  |
| 02/15/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 200.00 |  |
| 02/15/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | Payroll | 2,343.23 |  |
| 02/15/2024 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | Payroll | 1,227.51 |  |
| 02/14/2024 |  | Capitol One | CC | 658.06 |  |
| 02/08/2024 |  | NDSWC | Cost Share #9 and #5 |  | 12,255.00 |
|  |  |  | **TOTALS** | **38,120.94** | **12,255.00** |

In response to John Botsford’s inquiry on the waterflow in Section 17 Chester, the board agreed to recommendation that the township remove one 54” culvert along the north side.

We will be accepting the Strata bid for completing the Larimore bike path. The total local cost will be approximately $80,000.00.

Jerry is working with Nat to come up with a working plan for the new bathhouse to be built at Larimore Dam with projected project start date in 2026.

The board agreed that the letter Jerry wrote to Courtney Rogstad at the ND WRD concerning Brent Schmitz dike application be permitted with the conditions noted in the letter.

We received several drainage complaints from John Arneberg concerning the NW ¼ of Section 1 in Mekinock township against Barbara Danner, Jerald Roach, Brent Schmitz, and Glen Schmitz. His complaint against Brent Schmitz and Glen Schmitz is that they diked off a natural waterway both complaints are identical they allege that Schmitz violated all 3 categories for a complaint. The findings were that Schmitz did not violate the items necessary for a complaint and therefor the complaint was dismissed. Jim Heider made the motion to dismiss the complaints against Glen and Brent and was seconded by Tom Durkin.

The drainage complaint against Barabara Danner who is deceased was dismissed because we cannot address it with the complainant and ultimately the current owners are within their rights to complete maintenance work on their property no permit was required. Tim Farrell made a motion to dismiss this complaint and Tom Durkin seconded it.

Tom Durkin made the motion to dismiss the drainage complaint against Gerald Roach due to no violations found against the complainant, Jim Heider seconded it.

The drainage complaint against GFC Roads and Bridges was dismissed, there is no entity by this name.

The complaints against the GFCWRD and Pribula Engineering will be forwarded to the State Water Commission for their decision.

Gary Jordheim addressed the board with a drainage complaint against Kevin Lee due to the culvert in section 34 of Union Township being plugged. The board agreed to contact Mr. Lee and let him know that he will need to remove the debris and unplug the drain.

Jim Heider made a motion to post all the dams for the 2024 hunting season. Tim Farrell seconded it.

Bob Drees gave a recap on what was discussed at the Drain #4 Coordination Meeting.

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