**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**April 17, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on April 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, Nick Pribula, Josh Omlid, Aaricck Omlid, Jerad Omlid, Pete Schumacher, Paul Lindseth, Bill Weber, Larry Kjemhus, Mary Kjemhus, Matt Weber, Guy Useldinger, David Staveteig, Steven Staveteig, Paul Sproule, Rich Staveteig, Charles Nelson, Aaron Nelson, David Burkland and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Jim Heider and seconded by Bob Drees to approve the minutes of April 3, 2024, as read.

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

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| 04/17/2024 |  | True North Steel |  |  | 11,908.68 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | True North Equip |  |  | 57,150.00 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | Premium Water |  |  | 64.37 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | Polar Comm |  |  | 597.00 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | Nodak Electric |  |  | 801.17 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | ND Workforce Saf |  |  | 991.10 |
| 04/17/2024 |  | Grand Forks Utility |  |  | 62.79 |
| 04/16/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL |  | 200.00 |
| 04/16/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL |  | 2,293.22 |
| 04/16/2024 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | PAYROLL |  | 1,227.51 |
|  |  |  |  | **TOTALS** | **75,295.84** |
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Dan Gaustad had an opportunity to look over proposal presented to the water board pertaining to LD#4. Dan stated that the petition is ultimately a lateral drain (a drain constructed after the original assessment drain which flows into the original drain from outside the original assessed drain.) onto Legal Drain #4. However, to create the lateral, the entire drain would need to be changed and broadened to accept the amount of flow that would come in from the new lateral, which means it would be re-establishing the assessment district for LD#4.

The board requested that Dan present language for posting of Dam 4, Dam 5, and the English Coulee Dam, his suggestion was to have signage stating, “No firearms except shotguns without slug capacity or use is allowed”. Tom Durkin made a motion to adopt that language and it was seconded by Bob Drees.

A large contingent of people proposing the project for LD#4 were in attendance and Dan explained that there would need to be improvements made to the existing drain as well as the construction of 3-4 miles of new drain which would make it a reconstruction of a drain. Due to it being a reconstruction the board is required by law to survey the newly formed area and create an appropriate assessment list. Dan’s direction to the board would be to write a resolution to accept the proposal and apply for pre-engineering cost share from the state.

If the proposal was rewritten to stop at Merrifield where the original drain currently ends, then it wouldn’t have to be considered a reconstruction it would be considered a lateral, and then the entire area wouldn’t have to be reassessed.

Steve Burion stated that from his perspective the assessment area wouldn’t need to change at all, the board wanted to be sure to let the petitioners know that because the entire area needs to have a benefit analysis which might bring changes to the assessments.

The board directed Dan to draw up a resolution to proceed with the proposal as presented. Unless we receive a revised proposal before the next meeting.

The board will need to decide how many signs will be needed for posting the dams and we will contact Nick West to order them.

On the output structure of LD#59 there is no trespassing signs, someone wants to know if they can fish there. The board decided that there would be no fishing on our property.

CPS asked for the board’s opinion on their proposed project, the board determined that they have no comment.

Jerry will look over the drain permit requests from Halstad Telephone Company. Once he has investigated the project, he will let me know if they should d be approved.

Jim Heider suggested J&G landscaping as an option for mowing the legal drains.

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