**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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

**April 3, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on April 3, 2024, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending were Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Cory Palm, Jordan Prazak, Nathan Bornsen, Steve Burian and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Jim Heider and seconded by Tom Durkin to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, as read.

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| 04/01/2024 | 30616 | Victory Diesel, LLC | Freightliner Repair Leak |  | 3,692.21 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30615 | Tri County Water |  |  | 270.00 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30614 | State Farm Insurance |  |  | 2,972.57 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30613 | Premium Water |  |  | 15.99 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30612 | Pearson Christensen |  |  | 2,317.50 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30611 | Nodak Electric |  |  | 1,365.26 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30610 | Dakota Science Ctr | Donation  |  | 200.00 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30609 | Autoglass Solutions | Windows |  | 688.63 |  |
| 04/01/2024 | 30608 | ABM |  |  | 91.08 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | 30607 | NATHAN BORNSEN | PAYROLL |  | 4,997.59 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | JAMES HEIDER | PAYROLL |  | 155.53 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | JAMES HEIDER | PAYROLL |  | 1,396.89 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | ROBERT DREES | PAYROLL |  | 1,418.97 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | WILLIAM T. PERDUE | PAYROLL |  | 1,617.87 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | TIMOTHY FARRELL | PAYROLL |  | 1,523.01 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | THOMAS DURKIN | PAYROLL |  | 1,372.24 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | JONI SCHILL | PAYROLL |  | 3,765.77 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL |  | 200.00 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL |  | 2,293.22 |  |
| 03/29/2024 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | PAYROLL |  | 1,227.52 |  |
| 03/29/2024 |  | Bremer Bank | INTERESt |  |  | 185.39 |
| 03/27/2024 | 52542473 |  | DEPOSIT | DRAIN TILE |  | 600.00 |
| 03/27/2024 | 52542465 |  | DEPOSIT | DRAIN TILE |  | 500.00 |
| 03/27/2024 | 52542461 |  | DEPOSIT | DRAIN TILE  |  | 300.00 |
| 03/27/2024 | 52542457 |  | DEPOSIT | DRAIN TILE |  | 300.00 |
| 03/27/2024 | 52542451 |  | DEPOSIT | DRAIN TILE |  | 300.00 |
| 03/21/2024 |  | NDPERS | RETIREMENT |  | 1,700.01 |  |
| 03/21/2024 |  |  | DEPOSIT | Damsite #5 |  | 7,969.00 |
| 03/20/2024 |   | IRS |   | Fed Tx Pmt | 968.68  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **TOTALS** | **34,250.54** | **10,154.39** |

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

Jerry has gone over the proposal presented at the last meeting for Legal Drain #4. The board will send a letter to all petitioners with the steps needed to move forward on the project.

We received a drain tile permit for the east half of Section 6 of Brenna Township from Highway 2 West Landholding. The special conditions outline plan items needed to approve the permit. Tom Durkin made the motion to approve the permit and Jim Heider seconded it. The permit was given #2024-10.

Walsh county requested the boards input on a drain tile permit in Walsh County that will outlet into legal Drain 38A. We will notify them that we have no issue with the approval of this permit.

The lease on damsite 5 will be transferred to Mike Johnson and the board moved to waive the lease fee for 1 year in exchange for the repair of the fence in the SW ¼ Section 11 in Niagara Township.

Cory Palm with ProAg Solutions gave a short presentation on using his drone for spraying weeds. His hourly rate is $425.00 an hour plus the cost of the chemicals.

Nathan Bornsen, manager of the Larimore RV Park, addressed the board and gave his opinion on posting the dams. There is no runoff this year so they will not be opening the dam this year. The master gardeners will be pruning the trees on April 15th this year.

He is still planting trees in the Myra Arboretum and will again this year. Jim Heider made a motion to allow him to apply for the Myra grant and Tom Durkin seconded it. Maintenance on trees at the dam is ongoing, there are 4 trees that need to be replanted. J&G did dandelion spraying at the park last year, this year he would like to do a granular process himself to avoid overspray.

Todd Johnson who said he would do the office shingling should be coming sometime this spring summer.

An underground wire for the electricity broke going to the entrance booth. Nat will have Tupa Electric come out and get that restored.

Tim Farrell advised that the new lawn mowers will be being delivered soon.

Tri County agreed to upgrade the meter to 1 ½ inch last year to alleviate the low water pressure problem. Now they are advising that a pump and pressure system would be a better option. That was not the optimal choice so they agreed that they would go forward with enlarging the line. Nat will have Swanson excavating come in and dig that trench.

Tom Durkin attended the Forest River Joint Board meeting and gave an update on Fordville Dam Rehab Survey.

The board will send a letter to David Shane to let him know that for the 2024 mowing season he will only be responsible for LD# 4, 9 and 55. Jerry will reach out to some other potential people to cover the other areas.

Jim Heider 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