

North Prairie Regional Water District

May 28, 2024, Board Meeting

Minot City Public Works Board Room

Directors Present: Lisa Krueger, Tara Shannon, Crystal Hendrickson, Lori Flaten, Austin Hanson, Kelly Drevecky. Directors Absent: Darrel Loftesnes. Also present: Teresa Sundsbak Manager, Monte Rogneby Vogel Law Firm (Zoom), Public

Chairman Krueger called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Motion by Shannon seconded by Flaten to accept proposed agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Shannon seconded by Flaten to approve April 18, 2024 minutes as mailed. Vote to approve minutes as mailed, Drevecky-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Shannon to approve May 4, May 10, and May 22, 2024 special meeting minutes as mailed. Vote to approve special meeting minutes as mailed, Drevecky-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes. Motion carried.

Financials: Motion by Flaten seconded by Hanson to accept financials as mailed. Vote to approve financials as mailed, Flaten-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Hendrickson-No. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion held on 2024 annual meeting

Monte Rogneby reminds board of resolution of the North Prairie Regional Water District Board of Directors limiting Director Hendrickson's access to the District's open records under N.D.C.C. Section 44-04-18 allowing removal of requester's ability to request records for 1 year. Director Hendrickson may appeal to the North Dakota Attorney General.

New Business: Manager Sundsbak informs board that the District is not paying for employee's families on Verizon bill through North Prairie. Sundsbak shared that North Prairie has a policy allowing employee families to be part of the cell phone bill provided they pay their monthly bill.

Monte Rogneby shares that the District has adopted informal policies over time and the board has allowed the general manager discretion for these types of issues. Monte Rogneby personally feels that it's better to separate these issues to discourage the appearance of impropriety.

Monte Rogneby clarifies that a single Director making repeated demands of office staff and information is not the same as the board requesting that information. The board has complete access and control over that information.

Chair Krueger tasked Manager Sundsbak to create policy for employee families on Verizon bill. Sundsbak felt that it is unnecessary as employees no longer want anything to do with the Verizon bill due to Director Hendrickson's allegations.

Discussion held on front office security plans.

Motion by Hanson seconded by Flaten for two additional estimates for updating office security in the front office. Vote to approve additional estimates, Flaten-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes. Motion carried.

Director Hendrickson shares an anonymous email she received with concerns about a potential contract with the general manager and the operations manager.

Monte Rogneby states that the board is tasked with hiring the general manager through an open hiring process should the general manager position become open.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59.

Tara Shannon Secretary