

North Prairie Regional Water District
March 24, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes

City of Minot Public Works Building @ 1025 31st SE, Minot

Directors Present: Kelly Drevecky, Dan Ruby, Darrel Loftesnes, Mike Rudnick, Daryl Lies, Crystal Hendrickson. Directors Absent: Austin Hanson. Also present: General Manager Craig Haskins and Operations Manager Joddy Meidinger.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Ruby. Meidinger called the roll.

Public Comments

No one wished to speak.

Meeting Agenda

Moved by Rudnick, seconded by Lies to approve the agenda. Voice vote; all voted yes.

Meeting Minutes

Moved by Rudnick, seconded by Lies to approve the meeting minutes. Voice vote: all voted yes.

Financials

Haskins presented the financial report. Lies asked about interest rates on savings accounts. Ruby asked about combining Money Market Checking account with Capital Improvement Savings account. Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to approve the financial report. Roll call; all voted yes.

Old Business

Bylaw Committee Update

No meeting has been held yet. One will be scheduled after Easter.

Water Cents Options

An email was received from the Attorney General's (AG) office regarding the Water Cents program. The AG believes our suggested remedies are within State law, and the stiped program can be used to pay for apprenticeships. The reimbursement plan seems to be ok and not in violation of the gifting clause.

3 Options discussed:

- 1) End and return to all money to members.
- 2) Continue with a percentage of funds and return the rest to members.
- 3) Continue program, offer a refund to those who request it, and use the remainder for expenses and repairs on the existing system.

Moved by Hendrickson, seconded by Lies to withdraw our request for an Attorney General opinion on the matter. Roll call; all voted yes.

Moved by Rudnick, seconded by Loftesnes to offer the members who contributed a refund of 75% of their total contribution. This will be announced in the annual meeting notice, and will give all members until August 15 to request the refund. Roll call; all voted yes.

New Business

Riverdale 91-01 & 91-03 CD - \$1,602,990.93

Brian Osowski of AMKO Advisors discussed options for paying down the debt. The loan has a call date of September 2029. Defeasance before the call date is allowed. Excess interest earnings can be invested into bond yields. Defeasance can shorten the loan maturity from 2051 to 2047. Moves by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to have AMKO move forward with defeasance paperwork, giving us 2 options. One option being to keep the payment the same, the other option to be lowering the payment.

Board of Directors Election for Open Positions Discussion

3 positions are up for election - 1D, 6D, and the At-Large.

Interstate Engineering

Moved by Lies, seconded by Drevecky to approve pay requests for crop damages. Roll call; all voted yes.

General Manger's Report

- Haskins reviewed domestic water production reports.
- 6 meter readers are now active on the main line.
- There was a water leak on a 2" pipeline near 37th & 9th Ave north of Voltaire.
- The Water Treatment Plant filters were inspected and rinsed out.
- Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to approve purchasing an enclosed trailer for housing waterline repair supplies. The funds will come from the vehicle reserve fund. Roll call; all voted yes.
- The former manager's vehicle is not optimal for field service requirements. It has a \$26-\$29k trade-in value. A half-ton crew cab truck is \$45-\$55k. The remainder of the purchase price is to come from the vehicle reserve fund. Moved by Lies, seconded by Loftesnes to approve the purchase. Roll call; all voted yes.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting is to be held at the same time and location on April 28, 2026. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes by Crystal Hendrickson, Secretary.