

# **North Prairie Regional Water District**

## **December 23, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

City of Minot Public Works Building @ 1025 31<sup>st</sup> 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, Office Manager Karla Anderson, Operations Manager Joddy Meidinger and members of the public.

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

### **Public Comments**

No one wished to speak.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Spelling correction needed on Jacob Abel's name, as well as correcting the word "may" to "shall" on the vacation policy. Moved by Drevecky, seconded by Lies to approve the corrections. Voice vote; all voted yes. Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to approve corrected meeting minutes. Voice vote: all voted yes.

### **Meeting Agenda**

Moved by Hendrickson, seconded by Rudnick to add Ward County Planning to the agenda. Voice vote, all voted yes. Moved by Lies, seconded by Loftesnes, to approve the amended agenda. Voice vote; all voted yes.

### **Financials**

Haskins presented the financial report. Moved by Loftesnes, seconded by Rudnick to approve the financial report. Roll call; all voted yes.

### **Old Business**

#### **Water cents program**

Ruby suggested a refund option for all members. Members could choose if they want the refund or to have the funds used for district purposes. Also discussed was if the stipend could continue to be used for paid internship or scholarships. We should try to present 3 options to the Attorney General to consider. Item was tabled for more consideration.

#### **System Monitoring Improvements**

Hendrickson stressed the importance of identifying the areas where water is being lost. Haskins noted that additional meters are being purchased to measure water coming out of the Minot treatment plant, and how water is measured flowing in and out of the reservoirs.

### **Ward County Planning**

Ward County is working on wording for their zoning ordinance that may impact the water district. The draft language states "All residential lots within the Rice Lake Recreational District that are less than two acres in size shall be served by a public water system and a public sanitary sewer system. Individual wells and septic systems shall not be permitted on lots below this size threshold. County Commissioner and Planning Commission member, John Fjeldahl spoke about the zoning code discussions being had at the Planning Commission. A new ordinance was recently adopted, and inadvertently omitted language previously included. The zoning code in effect for over 30 years required subdivisions with lots under 2 acres in size to provide a letter of water service from a public water system. Discussion was held regarding how NPRWD wishes to enforce their water rights within the district boundaries.

A brief recess was called from 11:55 PM until 12:04 PM.

### **New Business**

#### **Berthold Subdivision**

Fjeldahl presented a proposed subdivision in Berthold and asked how the district wished to handle the water supply to it. The subdivision will be annexed to Berthold and needs fire suppression. It can easily be connected to the city water supply, but the water rights belong to NPRWD. NPRWD's water line is across the highway and cannot provide fire suppression. Moved by Runick, seconded by Loftesnes to maintain NPRWD's water rights, but have the developer connect to the city water supply. Haskins will meet with Berthold to negotiate rates. Roll call; all voted yes.

#### **2026 Annual Meeting Dates**

June 2 and June 4 are available at the County Fair building. Haskins will move forward to book June 2 is the preferred date, with June 4 as the second option.

#### **ND Rural Water Expo & Conference**

All directors are encouraged to attend February 10-12 in Fargo. Hendrickson and Ruby expressed they will be attending.

### **Interstate Engineering**

No report at this time. Mountrail Phase III is on hold due to the weather.

### **General Manager's Report**

Haskins reviewed domestic water production reports. There were no breaks this month.

### **Adjournment**

Next meeting is to be held at the same time and location on January 27, 2026. Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Minutes by Crystal Hendrickson, Secretary.