

North Prairie Regional Water District
January 27, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
City of Minot Public Works Building @ 1025 31st SE, Minot

Directors Present: Dan Ruby, Darrel Loftesnes, Mike Rudnick, Daryl Lies, Crystal Hendrickson.
Directors Absent: Kelly Drevecky, 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

Brady Carpenter apologized to the board and water district members for circumstances and actions around his termination.

Meeting Agenda

Rudnick asked to add "Inactive Accounts" to the agenda. Moved by Rudnick, seconded by Loftesnes to approve the agenda with the addition. Voice vote; all voted yes.

Meeting Minutes

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

Financials

Haskins presented the financial report. Audit information has been submitted to the Auditor. A consensus was had directing Haskins to post a public notice to solicit RFQ's for legal representation. Moved by Lies, seconded by Loftesnes to approve the financial report. Roll call; all voted yes.

Old Business

Water cents program

Questions and suggested solutions were brainstormed to present to the Attorney General for consideration in the opinion request.

- 1) Do we need to offer a refund, or can we use this money for other purposes?
- 2) If we must offer a refund, can we provide the user options, such as a billing credit, paper check, or designate the fund for other system maintenance purposes?
- 3) Does this need a vote of the membership?
- 4) Can any leftover funds (those not reimbursed to users) be used for continuing education, or a stiped program for scholarships and/or training interns?
- 5) If possible, can the Attorney General expedite their opinion so we can present it to our members at the June 2, 2026 annual meeting?

Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to send the questions to the Attorney General. Roll call; all voted yes.

Bylaw Committee Update

Lies requested that Ruby or Haskins ask Vogel Law to provide a draft of bylaw amendments to reflect changes required by changes in ND Century Code. It is expected that 2 meetings will be held sometime between February 18 and 25 for discussions.

Rice Lake Discussion

Haskins went over 3 options to bring more water to the Rice Lake area. They included increased pipe sizing from the Voltaire plant, utilizing a new, unused reservoir, or bringing in water from Parshall. No action was taken.

System Monitoring Improvements

Meter readers just arrived and will be installed shortly. Parshall water has required a lot of flushing due lately due to imbalances. Haskins has been in discussions to see if we can get credited for water that had to be dumped. The board would like Haskins to identify how many miles of glue pipe we have.

A brief recess was called from 11:27 AM until 11:31 AM.

New Business

NDRIF Insurance Discussion

Haskins presented the results of research into the NDRIF policies. NDRIF agencies get a standard % of each policy, so it comes down to selecting a provider based on service satisfaction. Haskins is happy dealing with Heartland, the current provider.

Easement Discussion

Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick to request Ohnstad Twichell to update easement language, and give an opinion if we have a right over existing pipes. Also requesting they make recommendations revising the current easement language. Roll call; all voted yes.

Inactive Accounts

Base rates and reconnect fees were discussed. The board explored the idea of more notice for lots with inactive accounts. The hookup rates of other districts should be explored to see if we are charging a fair rate.

Interstate Engineering

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

General Manger's Report

Haskins reviewed domestic water production reports. There was a leak on 62nd St SW & 37th Ave SW. A glued connection was cracked at the bell joint and called in by a passerby who saw water bubbling from the ground.

Adjournment

June 2 is confirmed for the annual meeting. The next regular meeting is to be held at the same time and location on February 24, 2026. Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM.

Minutes by Crystal Hendrickson, Secretary.