

North Prairie Regional Water District
June 24, 2025 - Board Meeting Minutes
City of Minot Public Works Building

Directors Present: Kelly Drevecky, Dan Ruby, Darrel Loftesnes, Mike Rudnick, Daryl Lies (via video conference call), Austin Hanson, Crystal Hendrickson. Also present: General Manager Craig Haskins, Office Manager Karla Anderson, Operations Manager Joddy Meidinger, Wade Senger of Interstate Engineering, and members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Ruby. Anderson called the role.

Meeting Agenda

Moved by Rudnick, seconded by Lies to add public comment to the beginning of the meeting agenda. Roll call; all voted yes. Rudnick requested that "Future Agenda Items" be added to all future agendas. Motion by Hendrickson, seconded by Rudnick to add the company vehicle policy to New Business. Roll call; all voted yes. Motion by Loftesnes, seconded by Rudnick to approve agenda. Roll call; all voted yes.

Public Comments

No one wished to speak.

Meeting Minutes

Rudnick called for a motion to approve May 27, 2025, board meeting minutes, Seconded by Hanson. Voice vote; unanimously approved. Motion by Loftesnes, seconded by Rudnick to approve June 3, 2025, reorganizational Board of Directors meeting minutes. Voice vote; unanimously approved.

Financials

Loftesnes asked for monthly numbers from the previous year to be added to the report. Sundsbak, attending via video conference call and summarized the financial report. Moved by Lies, seconded by Rudnick that credit card statements should be sent to all board members monthly. Roll call; all voted yes. Moved by Loftesnes, seconded by Drevecky to approve financial report. Roll call; Drevecky, Ruby, Loftesnes, Rudnick, Lies, Hanson voted yes. Hendrickson voted no.

Annual meeting Review

The check-in process went fairly smooth, but we should aim to make the line move quicker at the next meeting. Anderson explained the vote discrepancy and that the error was discovered to be an entry error. Rudnick discussed absentee ballots. Lies was concerned that the 2024 audit was not provided. Wants the cost of the state audit publicly clarified. Ruby brought up the claim made during the annual meeting that no local attorneys wish to take us as a client. Based on his limited research, he believes it is more of a conflict-of-interest concern. He believes it is a surmountable hurdle worth pursuing more.

Brady Carpenter Emails

Discussion was held on Carpenter contacting Haskins directly with his concerns. Haskins was willing to handle his emails, rather than having them sent to Vogel Law. Haskins would reply at his own discretion, not wishing to further complicate the open legal issues Carpenter has against the District.

Vogel Law update on ongoing issues:

Monte Rogneby presented via video conference call.

- Bylaw changes will be needed in light of new legislation.
- Public comment requirement
- Letter to Interstate regarding the Velva Levy has not been fully drafted yet.
- Updated policy and procedure review
- Reviewing policy regarding damage caused by NPRWD leaks
- Water Cents policy is suspended, and we are waiting on the Attorney General for directions on what to do with the money.
- Rogneby has no problem with Carpenter's operations issue emails to be sent directly to Haskins.

Restrictions of a Director

Moved by Lies, seconded by Hendrickson to lift all restrictions previously placed on Hendrickson. Roll call; all voted yes.

Day and Time of Monthly meetings

Ruby asked Haskins to look into other room options, possibly on Wednesday.

(Lies left the meeting at 12:02 PM)

Contact information to be added to website – email accounts

Drevecky wants a separate email for District business and does not want his phone number posted. Lies, Ruby, and Hendrickson want both phone and email available on the website. Hanson wished to have his phone number only listed on the website. Item was tabled.

Company Vehicle policy

Moved by Hendrickson, seconded by Rudnick that all company vehicles should logoed. Only the acting manager, operations manager, and on-call personnel may take District vehicles home at night. Moved by Loftesnes, seconded by Hanson, to amend the motion that this policy would not take effect until the end of September. Roll call on the amendment; Drevecky, Ruby, Loftesnes, Hanson voted yes. Rudnick, Hendrickson voted no.

Roll call on the amended motion; Drevecky, Ruby, Loftesnes, Hanson, Hendrickson voted yes. Rudnick voted no.

Interstate Engineering

Senger presented two alternatives to Segment C of the Mountrail Phase III project. Moved by Loftesnes, seconded by Hanson to approve the project loan money and approve a change order with an additional \$160k. Roll call; Drevecky, Ruby, Loftesnes, Rudnick, Hanson voted yes. Hendrickson voted no.

General Manger's Report

Haskins reviewed water production numbers. About 1.5 Million gallons are produced per day. There was a leak off of Highway 83 producing about 20-40 gallons per minute. The water tower needed repair. A manway access location was leaking because of a failed seal. Haskins discussed a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS). It costs \$9,250 for the setup fee and first year subscription, then \$6,750 annually. It is within the current budget. Haskins also discussed purchasing a new lawn mower and the board directed him to choose the make and model he preferred.

The future date and time of the next meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm.