

North Prairie Regional Water District
March 25, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
City of Minot Public Works Building

Directors Present: Lisa Krueger, Darrel Loftesnes, Kelly Drevecky, Crystal Hendrickson, Mike Rudnick, Matthew Zelinski, Austin Hanson
Others present: GM Teresa Sundsbak, OM Jody Meidinger, OFM Karla Anderson, Attorney Monte Rogneby, Engineer Wade Senger

Chairman Krueger called meeting to order 10:00 am.

Chairman Krueger asked for public comments no one stepped forward.

Chairman Krueger called for a motion approve agenda -Motion by Loftesnes to approve meeting agenda, 2nd by Hanson: Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger called for a motion to approve February 25, 2025, Monthly Minutes. A motion by Hanson, 2nd by Rudnick, to approve minutes. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger called for a motion to approve March 4, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes. Director Drevecky asked for a correction to the spelling of his last name in the minutes Motion by Loftesnes, 2nd by Hanson. To approve the Minutes with correct spelling of Director Drevecky's name. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Motion by Loftesnes, 2nd Rudnick to approve the financials for February 2025. Hendrickson questioned the billing rate on the Vogel Law Firm statement, on several different lines relating to the hourly rate charged. Attorney Rogneby stated that if there were questions on the legal invoices drop him an email, that it could be an error and he would look into it and report back. If there has been a rate that was included that's not appropriate, they will make an adjustment. Roll Call: 5 Yes / Hendrickson-No- M/C

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Krueger moved to Unfinished Business and asked Attorney Rogneby to update the Board on the No Contact Order with Mr. Carpenter.

Next, on the agenda was Brady Martz annual Letter of Engagement. Director Loftesnes made a motion to accept the Letter of Engagement for the year ending December 31, 2024. 2nd by Drevecky. Director Rudnick asked if Attorney Rogneby had reviewed the agreement. Attorney Rogneby stated he had and that there was nothing in the agreement that needed to be addressed. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger moved onto 2025 Annual meeting status. Director Rudnick had contacted Chairman Krueger with the possibility of presenting at the meeting a question for Absentee Balloting. Director Rudnick explained that his thought was simply put the question out there, if there was interest from the members in allowing for a By-Law change for Absent Balloting. A discussion followed. After the discussion Chairman Krueger asked for a motion to have the question put on the ballot at this years annual meeting. Attorney Rogneby spoke and brought up the fact that with the passage of SB2299 that

there will have to be By-Law changes required to be made by the passage of that bill. It was decided to wait until final passage of SB2299 on how to pose the question to the members.

Chairman Krueger then opened up discussion on whether to have an open meeting agenda or a set agenda for the annual meeting. It was brought up that there should be an open Question and Answer period during the annual meeting for members to ask questions. Attorney Rogneby gave a brief background on why the board needs to decide what rules will apply for the meeting. Discussion was held. Director Rudnick moved that there is a public comment period, that the people who wish to comment come up to the microphone, they have 2 minutes to speak, that it is limited to 45minutes and that would be extendable by a vote of the membership. 2nd by Hendrickson. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger then asked for a Motion for a set agenda Director Loftesnes so moved 2nd by Hanson. Discussion was held. After discussion Director Loftesnes withdrew his motion. Director Loftesnes then made a motion for the rules of the meeting will include voting begins once the meeting is called to order. 2nd by Rudnick. Discussion was held. Director Loftesnes withdrew this motion.

Chairman Krueger brought up that Directors Loftesnes and Drevecky had the opportunity to observe a demonstration of the new software program for Annual/Special meeting registration of members. Both directors agreed that it looked very good.

There was a discussion on door prizes, Interstate Engineering donated a \$100.00 gift card,

Chairman Krueger continued onto the Great Plains Benefit Group Report. Director Zelinski gave a brief update on Items 4,5,6.

The next item on the agenda was Succession Plan. Chairman Krueger updated the Board on the applicants who have applied and made the final cut for the job interviews. It was decided to have a special meeting on 4 April 2025 at 10am so the whole Board could choose the GM from the interviewed candidates

New Business

Chairman Krueger stated that City of Minot Contract was not ready and would be pushed to next meeting. Director Hendricks asked why? GM Sundsbak explained that USDA stated that they were not party to this agreement because it was a water transmission agreement and so they don't want to sign it and because of the growth area map that has been part of the agreement since 2013. When the new agreement is worked out with the City of Minot, it will be sent to the board.

Chairman Krueger moved onto Senate Bill 2299; Director Rudnick had a question for clarification. He asked if we should be changing the By-laws now so that they will be done for next year. Attorney Rogneby clarified what options the board had for changing the By-laws and that it was not critical that it be done at this year's meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Krueger opened the floor to Interstate Engineer Wade Senger who presented the Board with the bids for the Mountrail Phase III project. He answered questions from the Board. Chairman Krueger ask for motions from the floor. Director Rudnick moved to have Interstate Engineering file for additional funding to finish the project. 2nd by Hanson. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger asked for a motion to accept bid from Abbot, Arne, Schwindt Inc. for the base bid of \$3,250,296.00 and the Alternate # 2 Segment D for \$901,607.00. Roll Call: 5 Yes, Hendrickson No. M/C

GM Sundsbak Reported that NDIRF would be giving back refunds on last year's insurance.

Interview Meeting on 27 March 2025, at 1230pm at Minot Public Works

Special Meeting on 4 April 2025, at 1000am

Next Regular Meeting April 22, 2025, at 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned: 12:43pm

ATTEST:

Matthew Zelinski, Secretary