

North Prairie Regional Water District
April 22, 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, Craig Haskins, Annie Lies.

Chairman Krueger called meeting to order 10:00 am.

Chairman Krueger called for a motion approve agenda with one change to move participating member Annie Lies from New Business to Public Comment-Motion by Loftesnes to approve meeting agenda, 2nd by Hanson: Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger open the floor to Ms. Lies to speak. Ms. Lies briefed the board on their water line freeze-up. She asked if there was anything that could be done. Due to how the water comes into the house it could not be determined where the waterline had frozen. The line froze in 2019 also. She stated that they are very happy with the rural water. The GM and OM will work with Ms. Lies to find a solution.

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

Chairman Krueger called for a motion to approve March 27, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes. Motion by Loftesnes, 2nd by Rudnick, to approve the minutes. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Chairman Krueger called for a motion to approve April 4, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes. Motion by Rudnick, 2nd by Hanson to approve the minutes. Roll Call: Unanimous yes. M/C

Motion by Zelinski, 2nd by Loftesnes to approve the financials for March 2025. Roll Call: 5 Yes / Hendrickson-No- M/C

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Krueger moved to the Great Plains Consulting Group report and the action items that are supposed to being reviewed by the Board with corrective actions identified. There was a discussion that followed. No action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was Succession Plan. Chairman Krueger, welcomed Mr. Craig Haskins who would be taking over as the GM. GM Sundsbak stated that Mr. Haskins, Mr. Meidinger and herself meet, and a transition plan was based on Mr. Haskins needs for crossover and Manager Sundsbak original announcement of her retirement at the September 2024 monthly meeting. Director Zelinski made a motion to have Attorney Rogneby drawn up a separation agreement based on crossover time with the new hire until 30 September 2025 and then she would take her earned vacation to the end of the year. 2nd by Director Hanson. Roll Call: 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Chairman Krueger moved on to the City of Minot Water Contract. 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 or need to sign it, they were removed from the contract. A motion to approve the contract was made by Loftesnes 2nd by Rudnick. 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Chairman Krueger moved onto 2025 Annual meeting status. She passed out the rules and agenda for the annual meeting. A discussion was held on the rules it was recommended to remove item 2.4 because it didn't apply. A motion to pass the Rules with the omission of item 2.4 was made by Director Loftesnes 2nd by Director Rudnick. Roll Call: 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Next, the annual meeting agenda was reviewed. Director Loftesnes stated to make sure Manager's report is added. Director Rudnick proposed that he present a question for Absentee Balloting, to determine if there was interest from the membership in making this option available to them. This would be done at the opening of the Members Question and Comment portion under New Business. A discussion followed. After the discussion Chairman Krueger asked for a motion to the Annual Meeting agenda with the above corrections, Director Hanson made the motion 2nd by Director Rudnick to add the manager's report and Director Rudnick presenting the idea of absentee balloting before the members question and comment portion of the meeting. Discussion: Director Hendrickson mentioned that someone was going to make a motion from the floor to dismiss the current board attorney and hire a local attorney for general counsel. Director Zelinski, read Article X, Duties of Directors, Section 10.1 Item 1 which states, *Select and appoint the Manager and any agents or consultants of the District, remove the Manager and any agents or consultants of the District, prescribe their duties and designate their powers as may not be inconsistent with these bylaws, fix their compensation, and pay for faithful services.* Roll Call: 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Chairman Krueger passed out an email that Director Hendrickson had sent her and she directed everyone to Item 6 which stated, Mr. Carpenter is not suing the District. Chairman Krueger asked Attorney Rogneby to explain to the Board the legality of the lawsuit. After Attorney Rogneby's explanation Director Hendrickson still stated it was not a lawsuit.

New Business

Chairman Krueger then moved to the next item on the agenda Code of Conduct Review and Changes. Director Zelinski submitted a revision under Item 6. to add Exception: Board Secretary may record meetings to aid in the required duty of documenting minutes of the meeting. Director Rudnick recommended removal of the word tape in Item 6 and replace with record. Loftesnes moved to make the above changes 2nd by Drevecky. Director Hendrickson informed the board that she would not sign the Code of Conduct. Roll Call: 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Chairman Krueger moved on to the Rural Water Strong Pledge. Director Zelinski explained to the Board that Rural Water Strong Pledge is a National Rural Water Association initiative to support USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs. It simply asks for people to sign the pledge that they would contact their Federal Representative and Senators asking them to support USDA Rural development programs. GM Sundsbak added that the Circuit Rider program that the NDRWA has, that provides technical assistance to Water and Waste Water Districts across the State of ND is paid for by the USDA programs. Director Rudnick made a motion to as a Board to support the Rural Water Strong Pledge, and draft the a letter to be sent to our Senators and Representative. 2nd by Hanson. Roll Call: 5 Yes/ Hendrickson-No-M/C

Next Meeting: May 27, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15pm

ATTEST:

Matthew Zelinski, Secretary