

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

Directors Present: Lisa Krueger, Darrel Loftesnes, Kelly Drevecky (delayed), 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 called for a motion to approve agenda -Motion by Rudnick to amend agenda to add discussion of senate bill 2299 under unfinished business and under new business discussion of report from the board on the website, 2nd by Hendrickson: Roll Call: 5 yes- M/C

Motion was made by Loftesnes, 2nd by Rudnick to approve the amended agenda. Roll Call: 5yes

Director Drevecky joined the meeting

Chairman Krueger called for a motion to approve January 27, 2025, minutes. A motion by Hendrickson 2nd by Loftesnes, to approve minutes. Unanimous yes. M/C

Motion by Rudnick 2nd Hanson to approve the financials for December 2024. Hendrickson had several questions on different line items in the financial statements. Clarification and answers were given by Anderson and Sundsbak. Hendrickson also questioned if there was nepotism going on. Board attorney to provide opinion to the board. Roll Call: 5 Yes / Hendrickson-No- M/C

Motion by Loftesnes and 2nd by Zelinski to approve January 2025 Financials. Roll Call: 5- Yes
Hendrickson-No- M/C

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Krueger moved onto the Great Plains Benefit Group Report. Zelinski made motion to accept Great Plains Comprehensive Operations Assessment and Analysis and move forward to correct the issue identified. 2nd by Loftesnes. Director Zelinski provided the board with a document that turned the report into action items with suspense dates. Discussion was had. Roll Call: 5 Yes- Hendrickson- No

Motion was made by Loftesnes to advertise Job opening on Indeed and Monster until March 25 and then interview candidates the week of March 25, 2025, 2nd Drevecky. Roll Call: Unanimous Yes- M/C

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.

Chairman Krueger moved onto 2025 Annual meeting status. OFM Anderson reported that Travis, from the software company, gave a demonstration of the program that they have so far, and it looks really good. Attorney Rogneby advised the board from a legal perspective that they might want to start thinking about rules for the annual meeting. He suggested reviewing the rules package from last year at the next meeting. There was a discussion on the booklet for the annual meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Krueger moved onto the Brady Martz Audit engagement letter, Loftesnes made a motion to discuss engagement letter, 2nd by Rudnick. Discussion was had. Hendrickson made motion to table accepting engagement letter until next month for time to review. 2nd by Zelinski. Roll Call: 4 Yes, Loftesnes No, Hanson- No. M/C

Chairman Krueger recognized Director Rudnick who asked that the monthly message from the board on the website should be message from the board president, because the board has no input to the message. The board agreed to review the message at the monthly meeting. Director Rudnick pointed out that he was quoted in the November message and was a violation of the board code of conduct. Chairman Krueger apologized to Director Rudnick. A discussion was held and a review of the code of conduct will be completed at the March meeting.

Chairman Krueger moved to the Engineers Report presented by Engineer Senger. Engineer Senger presented the layout Phase III Mountrail Project. He presented an Opinion of Probable Project cost of \$8.7M. He had been in contact with the State Department of Water Resources because funding for this project had been awarded 8 years ago, and prices had increased since then. The DWR said that we can go back and ask for additional funds to complete the project. Mr. Senger proposed that we advertise in the paper for 21 days with a bid opening on the 24 March 2025, and have the bids and paperwork ready for the board meeting on 25 March 2025. The project completion date would be October 31, 2026. Motion by Rudnick to approve the proposal by Interstate Engineering following their recommended timelines for advertising, opening bids, and review of final paperwork. 2nd by Loftesnes. A discussion was held. Roll Call: Unanimous Yes. M/C

GM Report: GM Sundsbak updated board on Water Treatment plant, SKADA, and Employee CDL training.

Next Regular Meeting March 25th, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting Adjourned: 12:26pm

ATTEST:

Matthew Zelinski, Secretary