

North Prairie Regional Water District

January 18, 2024, Board Meeting

Bremer Bank Board Room

Directors Present: Lisa Krueger, Tara Shannon, Darrel Loftesnes, Crystal Hendrickson, Kelly Drevecky, Lori Flaten, Austin Hanson. Also present: Teresa Sundsbak Manager, Monte Rogneby Vogel Law Firm, Wade Senger Interstate Engineering, Public

Chairman Krueger called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Shannon to accept proposed agenda. Vote to accept agenda, Loftesnes-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes, Hanson- Yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Krueger briefed board on situation involving Director Hendrickson and sheriff threat to North Prairie Staff.

Monte Rogneby expressed his legal opinion on the situation, stating that Director Hendrickson's open records requests are beyond what is required as a board member and her fiduciary duties to the board and district. Mr. Rogneby also stated that police do not get involved with possible open records violations, rather matters go through the attorney general. Mr. Rogneby further expressed, it is outrageous and inappropriate behavior by a board member to bring the sheriff to the North Prairie office over a disagreement.

Minutes: Motion by Shannon seconded by Loftesnes to approve the minutes as mailed. Vote to approve minutes as mailed, Loftesnes-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes, Hanson-Yes. Motion carried.

Financials: Motion by Loftesnes seconded by Flaten to accept financials as mailed. Vote to approve financials, Loftesnes-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Hendrickson-No. Motion carried.

Old Business: Manager Sundsbak briefed board on treatment plant updates.

New Business: Manager Sundsbak provided the board with an accurate district map of the director's areas. Discussion held on jurisdiction lines.

Chairman Krueger asks Mr. Rogneby to review adopted bylaws during merger.

Monte Rogneby reminds Director Hendrickson that the board has no legal ability to change bylaws, that is the right of the members. Mr. Rogneby states that the board adheres to North Prairie Regional Water District Bylaws first and then the North Dakota Century Code in governing. Per North Prairie Regional Water District Bylaws, Director Hendrickson is informed that the nominating committee determines eligible candidates for the board of directors.

Motion by Loftesnes seconded by Hanson on board recommendation to members: amend bylaws at annual meeting to revise jurisdiction lines (revision to exhibit A). Vote on board recommendation, Loftesnes-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes. Motion carried.

Engineers Report: Wade Senger presents grant application for lead service line inventory assistance for North Prairie Regional Water District.

Motion by Loftesnes seconded by Shannon to approve grant application. Vote to approve grant application, Loftesnes-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes (abstain). Motion carried.

Pay request #7 in the amount of \$163,229.00 to Swanberg Construction for Logan and Swedlund booster station. Motion by Flaten seconded by Loftesnes to approve pay request. Vote to approve pay request, Loftesnes-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Drevecky-Yes, Shannon-Yes, Hendrickson-Yes (abstain). Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28.

Tara Shannon Secretary