**THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

**151 S. 4th St, Suite 348, Grand Forks, ND 58203**

**January 3, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the GF County Water Resource District was held on Jan 3, 2024, at the Water Resource District Office. Attending was Tim Farrell, Tom Perdue, Bob Drees, Jim Heider, Tom Durkin, Jerry Pribula, Dan Gaustad, Al Grasser, Shawn Gaddie, and Kari Lavecchia.

A motion was made by Tim Farrell and seconded by Jim Heider to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023, as read.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Tom Durkin and seconded by Jim Heider. A rollcall vote was taken with all members voting yes.

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| 01/03/2024 |  | IRS | Fed Tx Pmt | 4,804.09 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30480 | ABM |  | 91.08 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30479 | Bismarck Hotel | Tom's Hotel Bill | 109.00 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30478 | State Farm Insurance |  | 278.76 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30477 | Nodak Electric |  | 1,265.33 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30476 | PRIBULA ENGINEERING  | HDR Invoices | 13,200.00 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30475 | Higher Ground Inc. | Hwy 2 | 10,140.20 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30474 | ABM |  | 91.08 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30473 | GF Finance & Tax | Parking | 420.00 |  |
| 01/02/2024 | 30472 | Premium Water |  | 15.99 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | 30471 | JOHN SUCHOR | PAYROLL | 558.61 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | 30470 | NATHAN BORNSEN | PAYROLL | 4,784.06 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | WILLIAM T. PERDUE | PAYROLL | 1,908.68 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | JAMES HEIDER | PAYROLL | 1,168.74 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | JONI SCHILL | PAYROLL | 3,654.47 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | ROBERT DREES | PAYROLL | 2,476.70 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | THOMAS DURKIN | PAYROLL | 2,350.01 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | TIMOTHY FARRELL | PAYROLL | 954.15 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | PERRY BELLAH | PAYROLL | 1,169.80 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 200.00 |  |
| 12/29/2023 | DD | KARI LAVECCHIA | PAYROLL | 2,236.39 |  |
| 12/29/2023 |   | Bremer Bank | INTEREST CREDIT |   | 84.84 |
|  |  |  | **TOTAL** | **51,877.14** | **84.84** |

Jerry outlined his plan for creating an assessment area for the English Coulee Diversion. LD#4 was created in 1905 and improvements have been made several times through the years. When the English Coulee Dam was built the water board wanted to vacate LD#18 and LD#23 however the motion was tabled indefinitely board never put a maintenance assessment on either of those drains again. Jerry suggested that the board consider consolidating those drains into one assessment area and then work on reassessing that drain to reflect the updates in property changes.

Al Grasser with the City and Shawn Gaddie with AE2S addressed the board concerning a south end drainage study they have been doing since last year to address concerns with staying in compliance with the FEMA regulations, so the city doesn’t require flood insurance and consider future growth of the city in making decisions.

The water board went into executive session for reasonably predictable litigation. Jim Heider moved come out of executive session Bob Drees seconded it. Tom Durkin made a motion to continue with getting jurisdictional determination on LD#58 from the Army Core of Engineers. The motion was seconded by Jim Heider.

Jim Heider suggested that instead of purchasing an NDawn station, we could get the information we need from the Climate Field View app. It was agreed that they would try the app for a year and then see if that was enough information.

Bob Drees made a motion to increase the 2024 employee raises from 4% to 5%. Tim Farrell seconded the motion.

Tim Farrell made a motion to adjourn, and Bob Drees seconded it.

 Respectfully Submitted,

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 Kari Lavecchia/Secretary-Treasurer

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 Tom Perdue/Chairman