

WARD COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
MINUTES
April 8, 2024

Vice Chairman Loren Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Water Resource Board members present were Dale Dohms, Travis Zabloutney and Jason Zimmerman. Others present: Water Resource Board Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Walker, Water Resource Board Attorney Bryan Van Grinsven, Water Resource Board Engineer Dennis Reep and Karli Frohling from HDR.

Agenda: Zimmerman moved and Dohms seconded to approve the agenda with one addition. Motion passed 4-0.

Previous Minutes: Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes. Dohms seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Bills/Statement of Accounts: Zabloutney questioned the invoice for DL Barkie as we didn't get a quote but work has commenced. After discussion, Zimmerman moved and Zabloutney seconded to ratify acceptance of the DL Barkie proposal and approve the Bills/Statement of Accounts as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Money Market Quote: Zabloutney moved to pay down the bond for the First Larson Sanitary Sewer District by \$180,000.00 preferably to principal. Van Grinsven to consult with bond counsel to determine Board's options for prepayment and investment of funds. Dohms seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Engineer's Comments: The following plat applications were presented to the board.

- Anderson – Sundre
- Burke – Mayland
- Faul – Rushville
- Peterson – Rice Lake
- Schmit – Sauk Prairie

Zimmerman made a motion to accept and adopt HDR's recommendations. Dohms seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Nedrose Sanitary Sewer System: Van Grinsven presented a draft letter and easement agreement to send to approximately 20 owners in the district as a requirement before the City of Minot will take over the district. It was recommended that a plat of each owner's property be included with the letter. The Board will review the updated letter and attachments at its May 2024 meeting.

2nd Larson Emergency Action Plan: Reep recommended that contact information be updated for property owners in this district. Walker informed the Board that this letter goes out in June of every year with little response. An updated list is sent to Ward County Emergency Management and the City of Minot. Walker to visit with Kelly Haugen in Emergency Management to see if they are able to notify owners in the event of an emergency.

Drainage Complaint DC19-002 (Haugen vs Mikkelson): Reep informed the Board that surveyors have not been able to go out to the property. They should be out sometime the week of April 8.

Low Head Dams: Frohling reported that 60% of the design plans are in the QC phase. Sovereign land and other permits to follow. Bidding is projected for Fall 2024. Van Grinsven presented a proposed term sheet for an operations agreement for discussion with Wildwood Golf Course.

Receive and File:

- Little Roosevelt Dam Sovereign and Construction Permits
- ND Water Policy Update

Melius Ehr: The Board reviewed a counteroffer received from the Melius-Ehr owners. After discussion, Zimmerman moved and Zablotney seconded that Van Grinsven and Reep have a discussion with the landowner's counsel regarding the need for and complications created by a 404 Permit. Motion passed 4-0.

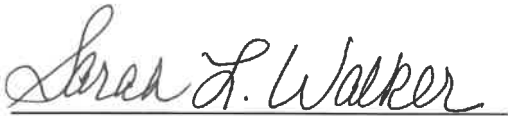
The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Bills Approved and Paid:

#8216 First Larson Sewer Sanitary District	62989.56
#8217 McGee Law Firm	3163.50
#8218 Sarah Walker	2421.27
NDPERS March/April	438.16
IRS-941	664.28
Job Service – 1st Quarter	32.98
State of North Dakota – 1st Quarter	190.89
SRT	9.44
Xcel	50.25
Ottertail	47.52
Verendrye	98.00
	\$70,105.85

Submitted by:

Date Approved: 5-13-2024


Secretary/Treasurer


Chairman