

**WARD COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2023**

Chairman Tom Klein called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other Water Resource Board members present were Loren Johnson, Jason Zimmerman and Dale Dohms. Others present: WRB Attorney Bryan Van Grinsven and WRB Engineer Dennis Reep. Also present was Ward County Engineer Dana Larsen, Karli Frohling-HDR Engineering by WebEx, Nathan Granzow and Maurice Foley.

Agenda: Zimmerman moved and Dohms seconded to approve the agenda with additions. The motion passed 4-0.

Previous Minutes: Johnson made a motion to approve the previous minutes of May 8, May 26 and June 6, 2023. Dohms seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Bills/Statement of Accounts: The statement of accounts was reviewed. Zimmerman made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Plat Applications/City Planning: The WRB received the recommendations of HDR Engineering with respect to the following applications submitted to the Ward County Commission:

Layne Ankenbauer – Spencer Township – Plat Application

Loren Johnson – Denmark Township – Variance Application

HDR Engineering recommended that the plat application and variance applications submitted to the Ward County Commission be returned without objection but with the following recommendations: (1) A storm water management plan may be required if the subject property has applied for a special use permit, (2) that no development, as a result of this plat, should obstruct any watercourse or divert surface water flows.

There were no materials provided to HDR for review by the Minot Planning Commission.

Johnson disclosed to the Water Resource Board his conflict of interest and recused himself from any discussion or vote on his variance application.

Zimmerman made a motion to accept and adopt recommendations of HDR Engineering. Dohms seconded the motion. The motion passed Zimmerman-yes, Dohms-yes, Johnson-abstained, Klein-yes.

Low Head Dams: Karli Frohling, HDR Engineering provided a project status update and authorization letter for cost share to ND Department of Water Resources. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the request for cost sharing and authorize the Chairman to sign or e-sign the letter when finalized. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DC23 002 Stroklund, Lathan v Granzow, Nathan: Mr. Granzow appeared before the Board and provided photos of his property located SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 22, McKinley Township. He does not believe he has obstructed a watercourse. There is simply a low spot in that area and water will pond, not drain. Katie Granzow joined the meeting by Webex and agreed. She did not believe that a culvert would help the situation. Zimmerman made a motion directing the WB Engineer to conduct a field study to be discussed at the next meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DC23 003 Haugen, Barry v Ward County: Mr. Haugen's complaint questioned the capacity of culverts on 37th Avenue SE in Section 34 of Nedrose Township. Zimmerman made a motion authorizing Ward County Engineer Dana Larsen to determine whether the culverts in question satisfy stream crossing standards and share the information with WRB Engineer Reep.

City of Minot Construction Permit Application. Received and filed.

VFW Club, Minot: Chairman Klein reported the east side of the river channel behind the VFW needs cleaning. This will be looked again before winter.

First District Health: Chairman Klein reported he had received a call from 1st District Health regarding a leaking drainfield south of 54th Avenue SE, east of US 83. No drainage complaint has been filed and WRB Attorney Van Grinsven indicated it is unlikely the Water Resource Board has no jurisdiction regarding drainfields.

Zimmerman made a motion to acknowledge and thank Nancy Kramer for her years of faithful and dedicated service. Dohms seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Bills Approved and paid:	
#8125 HDR Engineering	28761.25
#8126 Hanson's Excavating	560.00
#8127 Cogdill Construction	5000.00
#8128 McGee Law Firm	4718.20
#8129 DL Barkie	51200.00
#8130 Jason Zimmerman	1782.36
#8131 Nancy Kramer	3408.71
#8132 Nancy Kramer	6897.09
NDPERS	463.07
IRS-941	1487.23
XCEL	50.25
SRT	1.24
Ottertail	<u>196.93</u>
	\$104,526.33

Submitted by:

Date Approved: 7-10-2023

Nancy Kramer
Secretary/Treasurer

Thomas J. ...
Chairman