

LaMoure County Water Resource District Quarterly Meeting December 3, 2025 9:00 am

Present in person; Kerry Ketterling, Glenn Haugen, Nathan Nitschke, Jason Gross, Derick Klug, Jan Hamlin, Karin Boom. Attending online- Kimberly Radermacher, Tyler Syversen. Others attending- Daymond Syversen, Mike Vogel, Nathan Trosen, Joe Morrissette, Mike Johnson, Lee Slykerman, Tatem Brandt and Bob Flath.

Meeting called to order and roll call at 9:00 am by Chairman Ketterling. Quorum present. Ketterling moved the board reorganization to the end of the agenda, called for additions to agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Gross, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Review of September 10 and October 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Gross to approve, seconded by Haugen and passed. Ketterling informed the board that Bobby Frauenberg had submitted his resignation from the board and the County Commission has appointed Derick Klug. Klug is present in today's meeting.

Mike Johnson with ND Game and Fish and Joe Morrissette, NDGF Design and Construction Engineer gave an update on Seefeldt-Limesand Dam. The dam meets the qualifications for NDGF services so engineering is without cost. Morrissette said the dam is nearing failure and the plan is to replace the spillway with a low-level drawdown system and erosion management to prevent similar failure in the future. Cost share begins at 50/50 for NDGF and Water Board, but would change if other funding were to be obtained. Construction costs are determined to be \$238,000. Bob Flath representing the James River Sportsmen's Club said they would be participating in the cost share also. Other interested entities will be contacted and NDGF will assist in grant applications. Motion by Gross to contribute up to \$15,000 of Water Board funds contingent on grants and other funding being obtained. Seconded by Nitschke and passed. Morrissette asked the board to sign the construction permit application today as the process can take up to six months. It will be moot if the project doesn't proceed, but would expedite the construction if done now. Motion by Nitschke to submit the signed permit application, seconded by Klug and passed.

The Boom Lake Flood Mitigation project on the agenda is tabled because the State Water Board had not yet gotten all of the updated changes.

Mike Vogel and Nathan Trosen brought an update on LaMoure County Drain #1 and the option of forming a joint board with Barnes County. Legislative changes in the last session govern joint board composition. Cost share on any projects from the State Water Board would be 60%. Any projects would require over 50% approval of qualified landowners in the district. Radermacher said this has been proposed and discussed earlier. Dickey and Ransom County have expressed concern as the recipients downstream. Trosen discussed the process including a hydraulic model of the existing channel and any proposed channel. Radermacher said our board could discuss this with Barnes County and find out more.

Radermacher said Kale VanBruggen had inquired about the status of the Syversen v. Syversen complaint. Gross went to the location and stated that berms were constructed to stop the water flow and with those berms in place the water was not running. Grading had not been completed, but it was fairly level and the berms appeared to take care of the water. Gross moved to determine that it was in compliance with the board's order and the complaint could be closed. Motion seconded by Haugen and passed.

Ketterling moved on to the reorganization of the board. He suggested that in the future the chairman be paid an additional \$50 for the additional workload. This could be done at the next year's budget meeting. Gross nominated by Ketterling to be chair, seconded by Haugen and passed. Haugen nominated Ketterling as vice-chair, seconded by Nitschke and passed. Motion by Ketterling to remove Frauenberg as a signature on the checking account and to add Gross; seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Haugen asked the board to do a formal appreciation of Frauenberg for all of his contributions while he served on the board. The board agreed.

Hamlin presented the financial report as of November 10 and presented outstanding bills to be paid. Motion by Haugen to pay bills, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Radermacher asked the board to update new member Klug on the two outstanding complaints before the board. She also said she is pursuing an available attorney for her conflict complaint. She will contact the chair of Barnes County Water Board and open discussion of a possible joint board for a Drain #1 District.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.