

Draft Minutes- LaMoure County Water Resource District Board 1-29-26 at 9:00am

Present in person: Chairman Jason Gross, Kerry Ketterling, Glenn Haugen, Nathan Nitschke, Derick Klug, Attorney Kimberly Radermacher, Jan Hamlin, Karin Boom, Megan Domine, Justin Domine, Mike Brademeyer, Mike Vogel. Attending electronically: Nathan Trosen with Moore Engineering, Attorney Kale VanBruggen and Kimberly Robbins.

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Gross at 9:00 am. Attendance by introduction and quorum present. Call for Additions to the Agenda included establishing a meeting schedule, and a possible update on the Limesand-Seefeldt Dam if the presenter was available at a later time during the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda with those additions by Ketterling, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of December 3 and December 8, 2025 by Nitschke, seconded by Haugen and passed.

Call for public comment went without response.

Gross called for discussion on the Wiemann-Kale complaint. Attorney for Wiemann, Kale VanBruggen, outlined the current status. State Department of Water Resources determination of the natural watercourse is only applicable to site 3 on the north side. The sites on the east are no longer under consideration. The 30-day period for challenging the determination has passed with no challenges. In the interim the township has installed a culvert under the road. However, there is still an obstruction in the waterway and equipment ruts are impeding flow. Requesting the board to require the obstruction to be cleared. Motion by Ketterling to require the obstruction on site 3 on the north side by April 15, 2026, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Carl Larson Application for Installation of a Subsurface Water Management System on the NE1/4 and SE1/4 Sec 35-133-62 was reviewed. Radermacher said the application is complete, fee submitted and no issues with downstream notification as the discharge is directly into Cottonwood Creek. Impacts are negligible. Motion by Ketterling to approve with standard statutory conditions, seconded by Klug and passed.

Mike Brademeyer and Justin and Megan Domine came to discuss the proposed joint board with Barnes County action on LaMoure County Drain #1 (Bear Creek). Their townships, the City of Oakes and Dickey County have concerns with the volume of water coming through Drain #1 and the downstream impacts on those entities. Nathan Trosen- Moore Engineering and Mike Vogel also participated in the discussion. Trosen gave information regarding the process of forming a joint board for this specified area with Barnes County for the purpose of engaging the State Water Board to perform a hydrology study. The State would conduct an analysis and a hydraulic model for the proposed project design using a 3.5" rain event over 24 hours. The cost share of the engineering analysis would be funded 60% by the State and 40% by affected landowners in the district. The project itself would be addressed following the completion of the analysis. Brademeyer and the Domines inquired about including Dickey County in the proposed District as they will be part of this waterway. The benefit would be more land to distribute the costs and more input by affected waterway residents. They also requested that there would be consideration of metered releases by means of dams or controlled gates on the channel. Trosen stated that downstream impacts would be considered as far as they were indicated by the study. Klug asked if the permit would be processed through the LaMoure County Water Board. His reading of the State rules

sounded like the State wanted it that way. Trosen stated that in another joint district he participates in the permit was processed by the County with the largest portion of the project.

Motion by Ketterling to sign the Joint Water Resource District Agreement with Barnes County, seconded by Klug and passed.

Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative submitted an Application for Ditch Cleaning or Drain Tile and Pumping for SW1/4 Sec 2-133-64. It is for maintaining/cleaning an existing watercourse in the ditch. Motion to approve by Ketterling, seconded by Haugen and passed.

Jan Hamlin reported that the state rate for mileage reimbursement is now \$.725. Motion by Ketterling to approve the rate as of January 1, 2026, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Hamlin then submitted her resignation as of January 31, 2026 as Board Treasurer and Co-Secretary for personal reasons with work and family obligations. The board thanked her for her years of service and all of her help. She recommended Billi Jo Warcken as her replacement. She has discussed the position with Warcken and she has agreed to serve if chosen. Motion by Ketterling to accept Hamlin's resignation, seconded by Klug and passed. Motion by Ketterling to appoint Billi Jo Warcken as Treasurer and Co-Secretary at a salary of \$5,000, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

The board discussed the suggestion of Radermacher to establish a regular schedule for Water Board Meetings. Wednesdays are usually available for County employees and Radermacher. Motion by Haugen to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month except May and October unless there is need for a special meeting in those months. No meeting will be held if there is no business to come before the board on a given month. Motion seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Financial report presented by Hamlin. Motion by Nitschke to approve the report, seconded by Klug and passed. Hamlin reviewed bills before the board. Motion to pay bills presented by Nitschke, seconded by Ketterling and passed. Hamlin will have to be removed from the bank accounts and Warcken added. Motion by Ketterling, seconded by Nitschke to remove Hamlin and add Warcken. Passed.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 25 at 9:00 am unless there are no agenda items to come before the board.

Motion to adjourn by Haugen, seconded by Ketterling. Meeting adjourned.