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Barnes-LaMoure Joint Water Resource District
Meeting -June 24, 2026 at 8:00 am

The meeting of the Joint Barnes-LaMoure Water District was convened by Chairman Gross at 8:00 am.

Attending in person at the LaMoure County Courthouse were Jason Gross, Chairman; and LaMoure County board members Glenn Haugen and Nathan Nitschke, and Karin Boom, Secretary-Treasurer; and Bob Flath, LaMoure County Commissioner. Attending via Teams were Barnes County Board members Jerry Hieb, Perry Schlagel, and Bruce Anderson; Attorneys Sean Fredricks and Kimberly Radermacher; and Engineers Nathan Trosen and Mike Opat.

Motion to approve the agenda by Anderson, seconded by Schlagel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haugen to approve the March 25, 2026, Organizational Meeting minutes, seconded by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to pay bills, including invoices for Insurance and Ohnstad Twichell, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding expenses to be paid by each board under the Joint Water Resource District Agreement approved and signed by the two member Boards.

Engineering Services Agreements for Moore Engineering and Houston Engineering were reviewed and explained by Nathan Trosen and Mike Opat. Attorney Fredricks has reviewed the agreements and the Task Order for the Feasibility Study and stated that they meet all the requirements of the State Water Commission, including insurance and indemnity requirements. Motion by Haugen to approve the Engineering Service Agreements and the Task Orders with Moore Engineering and Houston Engineering, seconded by Schlagel. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The proposed budget discussion involved setting salary for the Secretary-Treasurer. The salary will be paid equally by each board per the agreement. Motion by Anderson to pay \$4,000 salary, seconded by Schlagel. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board next reviewed the North Dakota State Water Commission Cost Share Reimbursement Agreement for the feasibility study regarding the LaMoure County Drain 1 (Bear Creek). This is due to be submitted by July 6, 2026. Motion by Anderson to approve the agreement, authorize the Chair to sign the agreement, and to direct the Secretary-Treasurer to submit the signed agreement to DWR staff along with proof of insurance, seconded by Nitschke. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on setting next meeting. Engineers won't be ready to meet until August. Meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026 at 8:00 am. Fredricks will host the Teams meeting.

Motion by Haugen to adjourn, seconded by Nitschke and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 am.

APPROVED:

Jason Gross, Chair

ATTEST:

Karin Boom
Secretary-Treasurer