

# Town Of DeMotte

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## Northwest Jasper Regional District (NORWEJ) April 22, 2024

Minutes of Meeting: Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Northwest Jasper Regional District met in person on April 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM in a regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the board.

### Present

Andrew Andree  
Peggy Michelin  
John Price  
Don Goetz

### Absent

Kent Bierma  
Jeff Cambe  
Mark Boer

Andrew Andree, who presided, called the meeting to order.

### Minutes

Kent Bierma motioned to approve the March 25, 2024; minutes Done Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

### Financial Report:

Don Goetz reported on the financial report. Don reported the operating account balances as of April 22, were \$946,426.34 and the Bond and Interest Account was \$206,505.30. A fund report was given to the board members to show the current balances. Peggy Michelin motioned to accept the financial report unreconciled. John Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### New Business

Town Manager Mike Cain, presented the board with the following water forgiveness request:

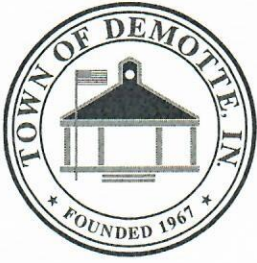
Hailey Holcomb Peterson, 1002 Dogwood St SW, DeMotte, IN 46310 - \$388.80. John Price made a motion to approve the water forgiveness. Jeff Cambe seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney Luis Vallejo read the following resolution:

Resolution 04242024-1 Amend schedule for May meeting. Kent Bierma motioned to approve rescheduling the May meeting. Don Goetz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Office Report

Town Manager Mike Cain presented the board with a contract proposal from NITCO for the construction of the Fiber optic infrastructure. The quote for the construction came in at \$88,998. NORWEJ would be responsible for contributing \$15,000 towards the total cost of the project. Jeff Cambe motioned to approve the cost of construction contingent on the approval of the contract from the town council. Don Goetz seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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Mike presented the board with the following pay applications and change orders:

**DeYoung Dirtworks** – change order #1 - \$6,060 – Peggy Michelin made a motion to approve. Jeff Cambe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DeYoung Dirtworks** – change order #2 - \$875 – Don Goetz made a motion to approve. John Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DeYoung Dirtworks** – pay app - 9<sup>th</sup> Ave water ext - \$70,671.01 – Mark Boer made a motion to approve. John Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Shinn Bros** – final pay app – Retainage - \$180,340.87 – Don Goetz made a motion to approve. Peggy Michelin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Phoenix** – final pay app - \$88,662.50 – Kent Bierma made a motion to approve. John Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Water Department Report**

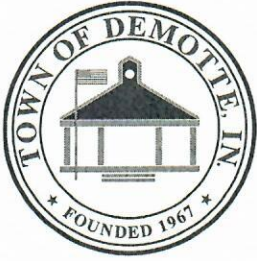
Public Works Superintendent Dave Yurko gave the water report. Dave provided an update on the hydrant flushing that they conducted last week. He reported that they successfully flushed all hydrants except for the Moody Dental hydrant. They plan to do that hydrant tomorrow. Dave reported that they did have a couple complaints of low water pressure from the hydrant flushing. The TA Truckstop was one of them. He found that the tower water level was a little lower. To address this in the future, Dave stated that they will make sure they raise the water level in that tower next time. There were a couple other pressure complaints on the northwest side but only for a couple seconds, which is normal.

Dave provided updates on ongoing projects:

1. **9th Ave Water Extension for Moody Dental:** The water extension project for Moody Dental on 9th Ave is nearing completion. However, there were issues with the plumbing where the shut-off was not correctly positioned, causing a backflow leak. The plumber will return to rectify the plumbing and address the backflow issue.
2. **Well #5 Testing:** Dave reported that Well #5 has passed its most recent test. He plans to submit the test results to IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) by the end of the month. Once approved by IDEM, the wellhead will be ready for production.

### **Engineering Report**

Chip Thompson from Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. provided the board with an update on ongoing projects. Chip reported that the Division D project and the new water treatment plant project are nearing completion and will be closing out soon. Chip informed the board that Mike sent out an invoice to NIPSCO for the relocation of the hydrant at 231 and 1100, and we should have reimbursement within the next month. Chip also informed the board that they are actively monitoring the progress of the 9th Ave water extension project.



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Motion to adjourn by Don Goetz and seconded by Kent Bierma. Motion carried.

President: Andrew Andree

Administrative Assistant, Tara Howard