

## **November 2024 Message from Your Board**

**November** is here, and it's already a little chilly! Time to make apple pies, apple cider and apple butter! 😊 It's a time for reflection and a time for being grateful, for all we have been given.

We say goodbye to a longtime friend and supporter of North Prairie Regional Water, John Bearman. John served on the North Prairie Board for many years not only as a board member but Chairman of the Board. He also served on the board of North Dakota Rural Water Association and the executive board of National Rural Water Association. His wit and charm were hard not to like. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family, as he will be greatly missed.

We are excited to announce that our new website is up. We invite you to go to [nprwd.com](http://nprwd.com) and see our new look. It is a work in progress, as we continue to refine it.

NPRWD is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest rural water system in N.D. As we have stated before, we have pipelines that are over 50 years old in our system. The Board of Directors will be reviewing and approving the 2025 Budget. As Director Mike Rudnick stated at our October meeting, "a Budget is a guideline". If a need arises, i.e., a pipe breaks? The Board would hope the members understand the need to facilitate the repairs, regardless of the Budget.

The Board of Directors moved to accept a proposal from Great Plains Benefit Group. The roll call vote was unanimous. GPBG is a consultant Company that does comprehensive operations assessment and analysis. They have facilitated this process for many businesses in North Dakota and around the U.S. We look forward to working with them.

We are beginning to plan and organize our 2025 Annual meeting. A committee was appointed to help staff with the planning. If you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see, please put it in writing and

drop it off at the North Prairie Office located at 3811 Burdick Expressway East or email it to [nprwd@nprwd.com](mailto:nprwd@nprwd.com).

If you encounter any water service issues, please call the office at 701-852-1886. Your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

Reminder: Our November meeting will be held Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @10:00 am, at The Minot Public Works Building, Conference Room #3.

We appreciate all of you, our members, and please know your NPRWD Management Team and Board of Directors, will continue serving you our members “Quality Water on Tap! Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!