

1 couple years ago. Since then I've lost track.

2 MR. NOVAK: It probably won't make any
3 difference, but I'm probably the only one that is
4 curious.

5 MR. LINRUD: That's fine.

6 MR. HOURNBuckle: This is Area 4D, and
7 this is Area 5D. Like I said, this is an old map,
8 guys.

9 MR. LINRUD: Third and final time, are
10 there any other nominations for Area 5D? Hearing
11 no other nominations, the chair would entertain a
12 motion for the secretary to cast unanimous ballot
13 for the candidates that the Nominating Committee
14 presented.

15 MR. BEARMAN: I make that motion, Lyle.

16 MR. LINRUD: John Bearman makes the
17 motion. Do we have a second? Larry Lee. All in
18 favor, say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 MR. LINRUD: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. LINRUD: Motion carried. Tanner Vix,
23 Lisa Krueger, welcome.

24 The next item on the agenda is Water Cents
25 Scholarship Program, and that's actually a

1 misnomer. It's a stipend program is what it is.
2 It's a program where you the members have
3 volunteered to contribute a dollar a month added to
4 your water bill. It goes into a fund and will
5 award a stipend which pays for your college at
6 Bismarck State College in their water program down
7 there. It's a two-year program. We pay for
8 everything. If you come back and work at North
9 Prairie for two years, which is the length of the
10 program at school, it will be forgiven. So it's a
11 good program. It gives you a free education with a
12 guaranteed job at the end.

13 The board would like to expand that
14 program to include straight scholarships, much the
15 same as Verendrye does, SRT, that type of thing.
16 It will only be available to members of North
17 Prairie or their families. And we have had the
18 program in existence I believe since 2012. Tonight
19 is our first recipient. We haven't had much
20 interest in the program. I was surprised at that.
21 I thought we'd get a lot of interest.

22 But anyway, the board would like to have
23 the ability to grant straight scholarships. Now,
24 the water program would continue to take precedence
25 over any scholarship you would give and we would

1 not give out any scholarships if the funding wasn't
2 there or if there was a candidate that wanted to go
3 through the water program, because that's what it
4 was intended for.

5 Are there any questions on this?

6 MS. KRAFT: Would the scholarships be for
7 current students in college or would they just be
8 for high school seniors or technology, like at
9 Wahpeton?

10 MR. LINRUD: They would be for anything.

11 MS. KRAFT: Like my people could apply
12 then?

13 MR. LINRUD: Yes. The scholarships would
14 be open to anyone. They would have to be or have
15 some relation to a member of North Prairie, because
16 it's your people's money. What was your name?

17 MS. KRAFT: My name is Kim Kraft. This is
18 my people who currently need money for college.

19 MR. LINRUD: Any other questions on what
20 we'd like to see done? Anybody have any comments?
21 We have accumulated, well, currently our last
22 financial statement, it's some over \$60,000. And
23 with us now including consortium people in our
24 membership, we expect that to grow. It's a total
25 voluntary program and everybody has been quite

1 generous. But I think just from a PR standpoint,
2 to be able to give scholarships like Souris River
3 and Verendrye does, it's a good thing.

4 Anybody care to make a motion?

5 MS. KRAFT: I'll make a motion, sure.

6 MR. LINRUD: Kim Kraft.

7 MR. KRAFT: Yeah. Both with K's.

8 MR. LINRUD: We have a motion. Do we have
9 a second?

10 MR. ANDERSON: I'd like to second, Lyle.

11 MR. LINRUD: Clay Anderson seconds. Thank
12 you. All in favor, say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 MR. LINRUD: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. LINRUD: Motion carried.'

17 Now I have the privilege, speaking of
18 Water Cents Program, we have our first applicant.

19 He applied, and part of the application procedure
20 is he writes a letter. I'm going to read part of
21 it:

22 The water industry is taken for granted
23 quite a bit. A lot of people take for granted the
24 fact that the majority of the people in the United
25 States can walk over and turn on a faucet and

1 clean, fresh drinking water comes out. Most people
2 do not realize all the time and effort and all the
3 different steps water must go through before it
4 comes to them. Water is essential to everyone's
5 life and should never be taken for granted.

6 By taking part in this scholarship and
7 this program, I hope to learn a lot more about the
8 whole water process. This will be an excellent
9 learning opportunity for me as well and is allowing
10 me to live and work in my home city of Minot, which
11 I love so much.

12 The water industry is essential to all
13 life and needs to be respected and recognized,
14 because nothing can live without water, and a lot
15 of us take it for granted where it comes from and
16 how wonderful it is to have clean and fresh water
17 at the turn of a faucet.

18 So Nolan Schmidt, it gives me great
19 pleasure to award you the first stipend program.
20 Good luck.

21 MR. SCHMIDT: Thanks.

22 MR. LINRUD: Now comes the part where we
23 need to appoint next year's Nominating Committee.
24 There's no volunteers?

25 MR. SCHAFER: I'll volunteer. I did it

1 once, I'll do it again. Dan Schafer.

2 MR. LINRUD: Dan Schafer, thank you. I
3 need to personally thank the Nominating Committee.
4 I know they worked very hard on this. So we have
5 one. We need two more. Laddie?

6 MR. LONG: Yeah.

7 MR. LINRUD: Seems to me there's only one
8 missing back there. Larry, would you take it
9 again?

10 MR. LEE: Under duress, yes.

11 MR. LINRUD: Thank you. That's always a
12 challenge. It's not an easy job, I know.

13 Okay. We have one more item we need to
14 take care of tonight. We have a board member who
15 is leaving us. He begged me not to bring it up.
16 He didn't beg hard enough. Chuck Leier has been
17 with us for 22 years. Come up here, Chuck.

18 MR. LEIER: Thanks.

19 MR. LINRUD: We're going to miss you.

20 That's all I have. Is there any other new
21 business anybody has? If not, we'll move to the
22 door prizes.

23 MR. SCHAFER: I have a couple things I
24 want to mention. Maybe you should put the district
25 lines back on your program for next year.

1 MR. LINRUD: We can do that. We can do.

2 MR. SCHAFER: Also, the two people
3 elected, are they going to stand?

4 MR. LINRUD: I'm sorry. Tanner and Lisa
5 Yeah, that's a good point.

6 We can put that back on there. Karla,
7 where are you at? You make note of that.

8 MR. BEARMAN: What did he say, Lyle?

9 MR. LINRUD: Put the map back on the
10 program. It's really helpful, I guess.

11 Time for some door prizes?

12 (Door prizes drawn.)

13 MR. LINRUD: That concludes our annual
14 meeting tonight. Thank you for coming. Unless
15 there's any other business, we're adjourned.

16 (Adjourned at 8:29 P.M., the same day.)

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