

**HB 1391
Testimony of Jack Dwyer
Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee
March 10, 2023**

Dear Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs Committee:

My name is Jack Dwyer and I serve as the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Water Resources Association (NDWRDA). The NDWRDA was opposed to HB 1391 in its initial form, but the NDWRDA does not oppose the version of HB 1391 that passed the House.

The intent behind HB 1391 is to provide uniformity for constituents in accessing information about decisions made by their local water board—a concept the NDWRDA is not opposed to. In its current form, HB 1391 would require water resource boards to either send draft minutes to the official newspaper of the county or post draft minutes to the water resource board’s official website, within 10 days of any open meeting of the water resource district. This requirement will provide uniform transparency of the decisions of water resource boards across the state and is fair to both constituents and water boards.

I would ask you to resist any attempt to amend HB 1391.

Thank you.