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RE: Connection Fee (Nedrose Sanitary Sewer District #2)

On May 2, 2019, property owner Ronald Demers was charged and paid a sewer hookup fee to the City of Minot of \$8693.76 for the north sanitary sewer project. The Demers property is located within the Nedrose Sanitary Sewer District #2 at 7755 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, and has been subject to special assessments to pay the costs incurred by the Water Resource District to construct the system.

The Water Resource Board is asking for consideration of reduction of this fee based on the following:

The normal single residential connection fee, based on 2.5 lots per acre, within the Northern sanitary sewer district would be \$1515.00 (\$3787 per acre / 2.5 lots per acre).

As a comparison the Ward County Water Board, in the first Larson sewer district was granted the connection fee of \$1770 per residential user, with the caveat that any additional connections on that same lot, if subdivided, pay an additional sewer connection fee of the same amount if and when the lot is subdivided.

If the same consideration is used for this district, the connection fee, as shown above would be \$1515.00. As a comparison, other residential lots in the Nedrose district have paid approximately \$2,000 connection fees per residential unit or lot.

Since this user has a large lot, which is not unusual for a rural area, which cannot be subdivided due to the layout of the existing house on the lot and will not produce any more sanitary flow than comparable single family residential houses, the Water Resource Board feels a reduction is in order for Mr. Demers, and is requesting that the City of Minot refund the difference of \$7178.76 to Mr. Demers.

If preferable the refund could be made payable to the Ward County Water Resource Board, and we would forward the refund to Mr. Demers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ward County Water Resource Board

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cc: Ronald Demers