



(Left to Right) Dr. Bill Krivarcka, Traill County; Nancy Marquart, Nelson County; Rick Anderson, McLean County; Roger Fenstad, Cass County, pictured at a banquet held in their honor.

# Garrison Diversion Bids Farewell to Board Members

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*This article is dedicated to four outstanding members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) Board of Directors, who are passing the torch to their successors at the end of 2022. These members have a total of 75 years of service, and take with them a multitude of knowledge. The remaining directors and staff will remember them fondly for their insight, humor, kindness and service.*

As a multi-purpose project, Garrison Diversion aims to provide opportunities for industry, water supply, agriculture, recreation and development of our natural resources. Our mission is to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota. Twenty-eight members make up the governing board of directors and each member is an elected representative of their county. Together, they all work to fulfill Garrison Diversion's mission.

Rick Anderson, McLean County; Dr. Bill Krivarcka, Traill County; Roger Fenstad, Cass County; and Nancy Marquart, Nelson County, are all stepping away from their duties on Dec. 31, 2022, and in October, the individuals participated in their last quarterly board meeting. At that time, the service and dedication of these individuals was celebrated at a farewell banquet in their honor.

## RICK ANDERSON

Rick has been a long-time advocate for North Dakota's water industry, serving McLean County on the Garrison Diversion board since 1986. He's a well-rounded board member fulfilling the second vice chairman, vice chairman and chairman positions throughout the years, and has also had roles on multiple other committees.

For his devotion to the water industry, Rick was recognized in 2005 with the North Dakota Water Wheel award from the North Dakota Water Users. In 2011, the Upper Missouri Water Association recognized Rick for his distinguished service in water resource development.

"Serving on the board has been a great experience for me. I got started because we used to have very poor quality well water, then McLean-Sheridan got water, and I wanted to be more involved," Rick says. "Then I learned a lot more about water and how important it is, and every time I turn around it seems like I'm learning more. It's an ongoing process, but I've enjoyed it."

## DR. BILL KRIVARCHKA, TRAILL COUNTY

Bill has been a dedicated representative for Traill County since 2003. Bill has served on the executive committee and was passionate about distributing Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant funds over the several years he served the recreation committee. He was an asset to each additional committee he served on, including the public relations and Missouri River committees.

Bill says, "I am proud that we have been able to largely impact rural agriculture, municipal and industrial water and recreation opportunities. The funds that we distribute have made a difference in so many communities."

"We have been grateful to have Bill on the board and have appreciated his insight and dedication through these years," says Garrison Diversion's General Manager Duane DeKrey.

## ROGER FENSTAD

Cass County has been well-served by Roger on the Garrison Diversion Board since 2011. Roger was driven to run for the Garrison Diversion board of directors because he wanted to be part of a progressive movement to secure the future of North Dakota.

He dedicated his civil engineering career to water development across the state and has seen firsthand the statewide need for quality water supplies. "Water is the backbone for the future growth of our agricultural, commercial and industrial interests in the state," he says.

Roger served on the executive committee and is a former chair and current member of the Red River Valley Committee. Roger's commitment to securing a better future for North Dakota has not gone unnoticed. For his devotion to the water industry, Roger was recognized with the North Dakota Water Wheel award from the North Dakota Water Users.

"My time on the board was very rewarding and I enjoyed it immensely," Roger says. "I'm very humbled to have had the opportunity to serve Cass County and Garrison Diversion. I really enjoyed working with the staff at GD, it's a first-class operation. Has done a great job, very dedicated.

"While my goal when I got on the board was to get the Red River Valley Water Supply Project completed, I feel good about the fact the project is under construction and moving forward. We've accomplished a lot, but there is still work to do yet to complete this critical water supply for the whole state."

## NANCY MARQUART

Nancy has been making an impact as a representative of Nelson County on the Garrison Diversion board of directors since 2017. She has gained a full perspective of Garrison Diversion's focus areas in her time on the board, as Nancy has sat as a member of the executive committee, served as chair of the public relations committee, is a former member of the recreation committee, and currently sits on the MR&I committee.

"It has been a complete pleasure to serve on the Garrison Diversion board. The numerous committees, projects, contracts, partnerships and opportunities have been challenging – but also exhilarating to see so many vast projects come to fruition," Nancy says.

"I am quite impressed with the Garrison Diversion people I have worked with. From the manager, to all staff, to each individual board member; I have gained the friendship of capable, knowledgeable, hard-working, proactive, dedicated, skilled and professional people that pay total attention to detail."

# Garrison Diversion Recreation Committee Approves Record Award

The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District's (Garrison Diversion) Recreation Committee recently met and awarded matching recreation grants to 21 projects, totaling \$849,876.

"This fall, we awarded our highest grant dollars at a single meeting to date," committee chairman Bruce Klein said. "We are always happy to help out with so many deserving recreation projects in small and large communities alike, and look forward to continuing the program for years to come."

The following projects received Matching Recreation Grant funds in the fall of 2022:

- **City of Kramer** - \$21,250 to update playground equipment at the Kramer City Park
- **Bottineau County** - \$75,000 for a new T-bar lift at the Winter Park
- **Wilton Park Board** - \$30,000 for the American Legion Splash Pad project; \$2,395 for the Wilton North Park pickleball court
- **West Fargo Park District** - \$16,145 for improvements to playground areas at four parks within the city
- **Ellendale Park Board** - \$20,000 for the Ellendale baseball grandstand renovation
- **Dickey County Park Board** - \$1,778 for the Wilson Dam picnic shelter renovation
- **Grand Forks Park District** - \$75,000 for the Kraft Field grandstand replacement project
- **Manvel Park Board** - \$12,699 for playground improvements at the Manvel Community Park
- **City of Binford** - \$75,000 for the Binford Rodeo Association's Community Center
- **Garrison Park & Recreation** - \$75,000 for renovations to Garrison's softball fields
- **Lakota Park Board** - \$51,030 for the Lakota wading pool project
- **Devils Lake Park Board** - \$75,000 for the Roosevelt Park activity building
- **Mohall Park Board** - \$20,000 for the Mohall splash pad project
- **City of Gwinner** - \$75,000 for the Gwinner Aquatic Center
- **Jamestown Parks & Recreation** - \$75,000 for the Phase I baseball fields renovation



Steve Metzger, Garrison Diversion's Foster County representative, presents a sponsorship sign to Commissioner Becky Hagel, Foster County, for the Foster County Courthouse Park, a project which received funds from Garrison Diversion's Matching Recreation Grant Program. A similar sign is presented to each project receiving grant funds from the program.

- **Stutsman County Park Board** - \$6,204 for a vault toilet at the Jamestown Reservoir
- **Minot Parks** - \$21,875 for the new equipment at the 11th & 11th Park
- **Kenmare Park District** - \$75,000 for a swimming pool and bathhouse
- **Williams County Parks** - \$22,500 for the Blacktail beach trail
- **City of Tioga** - \$24,000 to develop the Tioga Dam trail and park

The spring deadline, **March 1**, is the next chance to apply for grant funds.

For additional information regarding the Matching Recreation Grant Program, please visit [www.garrisondiversion.org](http://www.garrisondiversion.org), or contact Garrison Diversion at 701-652-3194.