

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 8:46 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026. The meeting was held in the District office in the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

Managers present included President Rick Sikorski, Vice President Roger Anderson, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, and Scott Klein. Manager Mark Langehaug was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Engineer Jake Huwe (HDR Engineering), Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering), Rodney Sikorski, and Minnesota State Senator Mark Johnson.

Following the Annual Meeting, the meeting was called to order at 8:46 a.m. by President Sikorski. Sikorski then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by R. Anderson, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from December 4, 2025, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote**.

Treasurer's Report:

Money presented the treasurer's report including the fund balances, accounts listing, and deposit detail. It was noted that checks written for the month include check numbers 10646 through 10648 and 10650 through 10678 and electronic funds transfers to PERA, MN Dept. of Revenue, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, and MN State Retirement System as reported and contained within the report.

The treasurer's report was then approved upon a **motion** by Klein, a **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

District Administrator Money gave a report on the following and distributed a handout:

Overall Plan:

Discussion was held regarding updating the Overall Plan. In the Two Rivers Main Stem Subwatershed, the Board discussed the need to address erosion issues including riverbank sloughing issues near the cemetery in Hallock, MN. The Board also discussed compiling a list of log jams that have been removed. Discussion was held about Unnamed Coulee Subwatershed and the authority of ditches and operation and maintenance on ditches. The current TRWD policy is to inspect ditches annually, following the ditch maintenance schedule.

Farm and Recreational Leases:

The Board approved renewing Paul Davy's land lease for a three year term at \$25 per acre upon a **motion** by B. Anderson, **second** by Olsonawski, and **unanimous vote** by the Board. This is the current rate for hay land.

Copier:

The TRWD's current copier is in need of repairs, but, due to its advanced age, parts are unavailable. Quotes for leasing and purchasing a new copier were submitted by Marco. After careful consideration, the Board approved leasing a new Konica C361i Next Generation Color Copier from Marco at the rate of \$241.73 per month for a six year term upon a **motion** by R. Anderson, **second** by Olsonawski, and **unanimous vote** of the Board.

Minnesota Paid Leave (PFML):

The TRWD was informed by the state of Minnesota that it qualifies for the small business rate of 0.66% for PFML. Upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by Olsonawski, and **unanimous vote**, the Board approved employees paying 0.33% and the TRWD paying 0.33% of the total 0.66% of MNPL.

Legal Ditch Report:

Information was provided regarding surveys, operation and maintenance, and administrative duties required for ditches under the authority of the TRWD. A report was given on beavers removed and ditch spraying that was done in 2025. Technician Coffield is compiling survey reports for ditches surveyed in 2025.

Monitoring:

Discussion was held regarding monitoring activities, including water quality monitoring, flow monitoring, and snow surveying.

Projects:

Horseshoe Lake

The TRWD received a letter from the contractor, Landwehr Construction, asking to waive liquidated damages. The Board discussed quality control and quality assurance issues, as some cement tests did not meet the required specifications. Discussion was held regarding possible options, and the matter was tabled pending results of further cement testing.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP):

Discussion was held regarding permit status and conditions. Spruce Valley has mobilized equipment and began excavation of borrow pits to find acceptable clay material. Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$249,666.04 was approved upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote**.

Other Information Presented:

Senator Mark Johnson:

Senator Mark Johnson gave a legislative briefing for the upcoming legislative session. He discussed bonding for KCWRP, with the option of requesting \$17.3 million for the whole project or requesting money per project phase. Phase one of the project would need about \$10 million and would be operational to store 15,000 acre feet of water upon completion as well as

providing aquatic habitat and water quality benefits. Discussion was held regarding permitting issues and challenges, as well as drainage issues and challenges, and Minnesota Paid Family Leave.

Rodney Sikorski:

Sikorski stated concerns he has with overflow from the Roseau River and the Roseau River Restoration Project being contemplated in the Roseau River Watershed District. He stated that he thinks the project, as proposed, could increase overflow into the Two Rivers by 30%. He believes if the Roseau River restoration project is done, it will cause increased flow into State Ditch 72. Sikorski then presented information and calculations he has made showing why he thinks the Roseau River Restoration Project will increase overflows in the Two Rivers and distributed handouts with his findings.

Manager Klein left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Engineer's Report:

Engineer Huwe discussed information from modelling efforts that have been used and can be used in the future to analyze the hydraulic and hydrologic conditions regarding discussions of the Juneberry Project Work Team.

Rodney Sikorski stated that he would like the TRWD to be aware of his concerns regarding the Roseau River Restoration Project and potentially look into the hydrology pre and proposed. The Board held discussion and the matter was tabled.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Attest:



Daryl Klegstad

Daryl Klegstad, Secretary



Rick Sikorski, President
Roger Anderson, Vice President