

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, April 2, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 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), Kody Fossum via Teams (H2Overviewers), and Scott Henderson via Teams (H2Overviewers).

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski at 8:00 a.m. Sikorski then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from March 12, 2026, were reviewed and approved with a spelling and a grammar correction upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by R. Anderson, 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 10730 through 10750 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 B. Anderson, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

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

Flood/ Runoff Update:

The current Spring Snow Melt Report, written by TRWD staff, was reviewed. It will be updated periodically by the TRWD as needed and provided to agencies, public officials, and the public regarding flooding conditions, operations of TRWD impoundments, and general flow conditions.

Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB):

The RRWMB has requested that letters of support for the Roseau River Watershed District regarding funding for the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project be submitted to the Minnesota

Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee and the Minnesota House of Representatives Legacy Committee. Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) has recommended \$3.5 million in funding for the project in HF3879, the 2026 Lessard-Sam Outdoor Heritage Fund bill, however, it was removed from the bill by the Minnesota Senate's Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee.

Discussion was held by the Board of Managers, and upon a **motion** by R. Anderson, **second** by Klegstad, and a 4-0 vote, with Sikorski and B. Anderson abstaining, it was approved to have Administrator Money send a letter in support of funding the Roseau River Watershed District's Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project.

Minnesota Watershed Resolutions:

Discussion was held about potentially submitting policy recommendations through the resolutions process regarding hazard mitigation and permitting processes. This matter was tabled to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Kittson County Enterprise:

Discussion was held about an article published in the Wednesday, March 25, 2026, edition of the Kittson County Enterprise regarding the TRWD's land leasing policies. It was noted that the article contained misinformation, and Attorney Hane confirmed that the TRWD is following statutory requirements. No action is currently being taken by the Board, but if the TRWD is approached by Kittson County regarding this issue, the TRWD will provide information as needed.

Juneberry Project:

A meeting of the Juneberry Project Work Team was held on March 25, 2026. Discussion was held regarding several potential projects that are being considered in the Roseau River Watershed District and surrounding area. The Juneberry Project Work Team was not disbanded at this time, but it was noted that there are no meetings needed in the foreseeable future, so meetings will be held on an "as needed" basis.

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Cost Share:

A cost share funding request was received from Justin Peterson to install three side water inlets to help with erosion control. The TRWD approve a cost share with Kittson SWCD in the amount of \$4,507.81 upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klein, and **unanimous vote** of the Board. The landowner will pay 12.5% of the costs, the TRWD will pay 12.5% of the costs, which amounts to \$4,507.81, and the Kittson SWCD will pay 75% of the cost.

Kody Fossum and Scott Henderson of the H2Overviewers joined the meeting via Teams at 10:00 a.m.

Kittson County Ditch #13 (KCD13) Redetermination of Benefits:

The H2Overviewers provided an update and preview of the Viewers' Report they are drafting for the KCD13 improvement project. They will be on site potentially as soon as next week to verify culverts and flowage. The current benefited properties and their proposed benefit amounts were discussed. Henderson explained some of their methods and the criteria that they use, such as drainage coefficients and grading based on certain factors and the location of the parcel in the watershed area of KCD13.

The Property Owners Report was discussed. It was suggested that a landowners' meeting be held to provide an opportunity for comments or changes and then a public hearing be held at a subsequent date. Discussion was also held regarding the criteria the viewers used in determining which lands were not benefited. Once the Viewers' Report is filed, the Board of Managers will schedule the meetings in the coming months.

State Ditch #84 (SD84) Redetermination of Benefits:

Discussion was held regarding state owned land and how it pertains to viewing.

Attorney Hane asked about Minnesota Statute 103E.315 regarding benefits on lands that have the "potential" to be used. Henderson discussed the viewers' opinions on how they interpret statute for various land issues. For field ditches, criteria including the slope, distance, time of travel, and land cover are used to determine if the ditches were classified as higher benefits. Discussion was held regarding the process a landowner would need to take if they wanted to ditch in an area that was previously not considered a benefited area, and it was stated that the landowner would need to submit a petition to the drainage authority.

Fossum and Henderson left the meeting via Teams at 10:55 a.m.

Kittson County Ditch #7 (KCD7) Improvement:

Under prior action of the Board, the project was cancelled and the petitioners were directed to pay costs that have been incurred. Five of the six petitioners for the improvement of KCD7 have paid, however, the remaining petitioner has passed away. Attorney Hane will submit a request to the estate to collect the remaining balance of \$2,619.68. Although there is one petitioner still unpaid, it was approved in a 5-0 vote to release the bond for KCD7 Improvement upon a **motion** by R. Anderson and **second** by Olsonowski. Manager Klein abstained from the vote.

Horseshoe/Skull Lake:

Engineer Huwe discussed issues with Landwehr Construction, Inc. and deficiencies that were identified from testing of the concrete. HDR Engineering recommends that either Landwehr Construction, Inc. extends their warranty for 10 years or pay \$23,400. It is unclear which option Landwehr Construction, Inc. would prefer.

The TRWD will send a letter to Landwehr Construction, Inc. with the memo written by Engineer Huwe and recommendations from HDR Engineering. In May or June, the TRWD and HDR Engineering will do a final inspection on the project. A final hearing will be held after the final inspection is completed to close out the project and make final judgements as necessary.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP):

Discussion was held regarding the conditions specified by the DNR to approve the Dam Safety Permit. Once final approval is given, contractors, engineers, and staff will coordinate to proceed within the recommendations and permit conditions. Engineer Huwe made a site visit to monitor the dike and settlement. Engineer Nordby provided an update on the wetland mitigation contract, project timeline, and Phase 1A, which is on track to be completed this year.

June Board Meeting:

Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to change the June meeting of the TRWD Board of Managers from June 4, 2026, to June 11, 2026, due to scheduling conflicts.

Permits:

The Board acted on the following permits. The review and comments of the Permit Review Group (PRG) were carefully considered and taken into consideration. Any comments provided by members of the PRG, road authorities, or affected landowners have been recorded and filed with the permit documentation in the District office. Conditions, if any, are listed on the permit sent to the individual.

<i>App. #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2026-02	Robert Hunt	Deerwood 11	crossing / 18"cmp	Approved by staff
2026-03	Ryan Schwenzefier	Granville 24	crossing / 18" cmp	Approved by staff
2026-04	Brandon Kuznia	Polonia 12	tile drainage	Approved
Discussion was held regarding the tile design. The permit was approved with the following conditions:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No pumping during flooding conditions• Must not construct berm or gates on side water inlets along the north side of north road ditch• Follow recommendations provided by Houston Engineering• All other permits apply – including Minnesota Statutes pertaining to public roads and tile				
Motion Olsonawski, seconded by Klegstad, and unanimous vote of the Board				
2025-05	Jordan Bengston	Tegner 14	tile drainage	Under review
2026-06	Justin Peterson	Poppleton 14	3 side water inlets, etc	Under review

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attest:



Daryl Klegstad, Secretary



Rick Sikorski, President