

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, June 11, 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, June 11, 2026. The meeting was held in the District office in the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Jacob Narlock (Brink Lawyers), Engineer Jake Huwe (HDR Engineering), Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering), and Lee Pemberton. Olivia Morten (Brady Martz), Rob Sip (RRWMB), and Molly Jansen (lobbyist) joined via Teams.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President R. Anderson at 8:00 a.m. R. Anderson then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Langehaug, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from May 7, 2026, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote**.

Treasurer's Report:

Administrator 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 10781 through 10809, checks 10813 and 10814, 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, a **second** by Klein, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

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

Minnesota Watersheds:

The Board authorized Administrator Money to attend the Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Summer Tour event in Detroit Lakes, MN, August 25-26, 2026. If any board members want to attend, Dan will reserve tickets for them.

Resolutions for 2027 have been submitted to Minnesota Watersheds. The Board appointed Olsonawski to attend Minnesota Watersheds annual meeting on resolutions and petitions as a voting delegate.

Audit:

Olivia Morten, of Brady Martz, attended the meeting electronically via Teams and presented the 2025 Audit Report. Morten discussed the audit, financial controls, various fund balances, etc. The Board accepted and approved the 2025 Audit Report and directed staff to file with the state as required by law.

Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB):

Rob Sip, of the RRWMB, and Molly Jansen, a RRWMB lobbyist, joined the meeting via Teams to provide a report on the recent 2026 Minnesota legislative session including funding, policies, and issues. Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council funding was approved for several watershed districts. \$9 million was approved for the Flood Hazard Mitigation program. Discussion was held regarding policy issues with permitting and permitting reform. The Board thanked them for their efforts and the information.

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>
2026-06	Justin Peterson	Poppleton 14	3 side water inlets, etc	Tabled
Tabled: more information needed				
2026-12	Jake Pemberton	McKinley 5	new crossing w/ 18" cmp	Approved by staff
2026-13	Jake Pemberton	McKinley 5	ditching 0.8 mile	Referred to Permit Committee

Comments were received from neighbors adjacent to the proposed project.

Lee Pemberton appeared before the Board to speak in favor of the proposed project. He explained they will hire a contractor, and all the spoil will be hauled away and not spread on adjacent land. He also stated the intent of the project is to provide better drainage, and it will improve neighboring lands.

After discussion, the Board requested, and Pemberton agreed, to provide ditch plans showing the grade, cross sections, and length of the ditch. Once this is provided, the Board will act on the permit.

Findings of fact:

- The proposed ditch grade is very flat; therefore, any downstream impacts will likely be minimized
- Small, inconsequential upstream drainage area
- Outlet is adequate to handle any increased flows that result from the project
- Drainage area will not be increased

2026-09	Blawat Farms	Barto 21	change 18" to 24" cl road	Denied
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A **motion** to **deny** the permit was made by Klein and **seconded by** Langehaug

Findings of fact:

- A permit application was approved in 2019 for the current culvert and studied at that time. It was found that the current culvert capacity is sufficient and conforms to policy

- Insufficient information was provided regarding the magnitude and definition of the problem or what has changed since 2019

2026-11 Mark Langehaug Jupiter 2 new crossing w/ culvert Tabled
Tabled: more information needed

2026-14 Jon Langen Springbrook 7 agricultural dike w/ pump Approved

Conditions:

- Need detailed information regarding pump capacity and operation
- Must sign TRWD standard agreement regarding no pumping during downstream flooding

Administrator's Report (continued):

ESRI GIS Software:

The TRWD's current desktop mapping software, Arc Pro, was purchased in 2018 and is no longer supported by ESRI. As it ages, it is becoming more and more unreliable.

Upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to update Arc Pro if needed at the prevailing rate of \$2,172.00 per year.

Ditch Spraying:

Discussion was held regarding brush and cattail spraying needs for 2026. The Board reviewed quotes received for spraying done via helicopter from Larson Helicopter and via drone from Donaldson Precision Spraying.

Upon a **motion** by B. Anderson and a **second** by Olsonawski, it was approved to authorize staff to hire Larson Helicopter to spray ditches and Donaldson Precision Spraying to spray the Christian Wetland Mitigation site in the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project.

Overall Plan:

Administrator Money will finalize a draft of the Overall Plan and present it to the Board at the July 2, 2026, board meeting. If the Overall Plan is approved by the Board at said meeting, it will then be sent to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and put out for comment as required by law.

Kittson County Ditch 13 (KCD13) Improvement:

The H2Overviewers have provided a draft of the Viewers' Report and scheduled a landowner meeting for Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The DNR has provided comments on the Engineer's Report. A Final Hearing was scheduled by the Board for August 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board.

Staff were directed to work with the engineers, the attorney, and the viewers to prepare and distribute meeting notices as required by law and to organize all the required reports and documents for the meeting.

It was noted that the petitioners for KCD13 Improvement have acquired additional bond as required to cover costs incurred.

Horseshoe Lake:

Staff will meet on site today, Thursday, June 11, 2026, with Landwehr Construction to discuss the punch list items that need to be finished. Issues including liquidated damages, seeding, and concrete testing failure will be discussed, and it is hoped that work will be completed and a final agreement can be reached by the July 2, 2026, meeting.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP):

Engineer Huwe gave a construction update, noting that the outlet structures are currently in progress. Administrator Money discussed funding. Upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by B. Anerson, and a **unanimous vote**, the Board authorized Administrator Money to apply to FEMA for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant in the total amount of \$18 million, broken into three separate construction phases.

Administrator Money reported on the congressionally directed spending request through Senator Tina Smith, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach, which is currently still awaiting official action from the United States Congress.

Administrator Money reported on the land exchange. All right of way has been secured except the land exchange of 480 acres with the DNR, which is going through a federal approval process.

General:

Discussion was held about potentially holding a board tour of TRWD projects such as Ross, Nereson, Horseshoe Lake, Springbrook, etc. No action regarding the tour was taken at this time.

Lake Bronson:

The DNR has invited the TRWD to take a tour of the Lake Bronson Dam. Money, Coffield, Langehaug, and Olsonawski will attend.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attest:


Daryl Klegstad, Secretary


Rick Sikorski, President