

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, July 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, July 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 arrived at the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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), Nathan Mechtel (Landwehr Construction), Rob Peterson, and Joann Winger.

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 R. Anderson, **second** by B. Anderson, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from June 11, 2026, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by R. Anderson, **second** by Olsonawski, 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 10810 through 10812 and 10815 through 10831, 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.

After reviewing the fund balances, the Board directed the Treasurer and Administrator to inquire with local banks on CD interest rates for up to \$400,000.

The treasurer's report was approved, and the Treasurer was authorized to take out a CD for \$400,000 upon a **motion** by R. Anderson, a **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board.

Administrator's Report:

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

Annual Report:

The 2025 Annual Report was reviewed. Upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote** of the board, the 2025 Annual Report was approved. The Administrator was directed to file the report with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources as required by statute, present it to the Roseau, Kittson, and Marshall County Boards, and mail/email it to townships and cities within the TRWD.

Minnesota Watersheds:

Minnesota Watersheds will hold their annual Summer Tour in conjunction with the Red River Watershed Management Board's 50th Anniversary on August 25-26, 2026, in Detroit Lakes. The Annual Resolutions Meeting will be held via Zoom on August 31, 2026. The Board appointed Olsonawski and Langehaug as delegates to the resolutions meeting with Klegstad as the alternate.

Water Quality:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) monitors every watershed in the state on a 10 year cycle to determine their impaired waters list. The MPCA is interested in obtaining water quality data collected by the TRWD to help inform this process. The Board directed Administrator Money to provide the required data to the MPCA.

Middle Branch Project:

A creosote box culvert installed in 1968 when the project was built is failing. The township road has been abandoned, and the landowner has a Texas crossing that can be used to cross the ditch. Upon a **motion** by Klein, **seconded** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote**, it was approved to remove the box culvert without replacing it.

Judicial Ditch #31 (JD31) / State Ditch #49 (SD49):

Kittson County would like to transfer JD31 and SD49 to the TRWD. The Board discussed several issues that would need to be taken into consideration when deciding if the ditches should be transferred to the TRWD, including the redetermination of benefits that is currently being conducted and the ditch fund balances. After discussion, the Board determined that it is in favor of transferring the ditches to the TRWD and recommends that the county does not finish the redetermination of benefits. The Board also recommends that State Ditch #85 be transferred to the TRWD.

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.

<u>App. #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Action</u>
2026-06	Justin Peterson	Poppleton 14	3 side water inlets, etc.	Tabled
	• More information needed			
2026-11	Mark Langehaug	Jupiter 2	new crossing w/ culvert 18"	Tabled
	• More information needed			
2026-15	Keith Okeson	Percy 12	crossing on M. BR. 2 Rivers	Tabled
	• DNR Protected Waters Permit needed			
	• More information needed			
2026-17	Martin Novacek	Soler 29	center line culvert 18"	Referred
	to Permit Review Group			

2026-18	Sander Dagen	Springbrook 36	tile drainage	Tabled
	• More information needed			
2026-13	Jake Pemberton	McKinley 5	ditching 0.8 mil	Denied
	• Joann Winger and Rob Peterson attended the meeting to object to application 2026-13. They stated there is not an adequate outlet for the proposed ditch improvement and felt it would damage Winger's land. They asked that other alternatives be considered. • Technician Coffield noted that the Permit Review Group met and denied the permit due to conflicting information provided regarding the ditch dimensions and purpose of the project • The Board concurred with the Permit Review Group and noted the lack of survey, ditch plan dimensions, and outlet adequacy.			
2026-19	Alex Moore	Hampden 31	tile drainage	Referred
	to Permit Review Group			
2026-20	Kittson Co Hwy Dept	Richardville 34-35	replace 16" culvert w/ 18" cmp	Referred
	to Permit Review Group			

The Regular Meeting of the board of managers of the TRWD was recessed at 10:30 a.m., at which time the Final Hearing Regarding Horseshoe Lake Construction was held. Minutes of the hearing are attached and also filed with the "North Branch" project files.

The Regular Meeting of the board of managers of the TRWD was reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Kittson County Ditch #13 (KCD13) Improvement:

The KCD13 Improvement meeting originally scheduled for 10:00 a.m. August 6, 2026, was rescheduled by the Board to 8:00 a.m. August 6, 2026, with a regular meeting of the board of managers to follow. It will be held in the upstairs meeting room of the Kittson County courthouse. This change in time is to avoid scheduling conflicts with Kittson County, who is also holding ditch hearings that day.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP):

- Construction
Engineer Huwe gave an update on the construction progress, noting it will resume on Monday; no work has been completed in the past month. Concrete is scheduled to be poured on the southwest outlet on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.
- Permits
Engineer Nordby gave an update on the wetland mitigation permit. Work will begin in September or October and should be completed within 10 days.
- Funding
Various potential funding sources were discussed, such as congressionally directed spending, bonding funds through the DNR's Flood Hazard Mitigation Program, FEMA, establishing a benefited area, outlet fees, and land rental income.

Overall Plan:

The Board reviewed the draft of the Overall Plan and the process and timeline that needs to be followed to officially approve it. Discussion was held regarding a water management district

relative to the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project. Administrator Money will check on this with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:


Daryl Klegstad, Secretary


Rick Sikorski, President