

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 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, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, Scott Klein, and Mark Langehaug. Vice President Roger Anderson was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Jacob Narlock (Brink Lawyers), and Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering).

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski at 9:30 a.m. Sikorski then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by Olsonawski, and a **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from July 2, 2026, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Langehaug, 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 10832 through 10855 and electronic funds transfers to PERA, MN Dept. of Revenue, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, MN Paid Family Medical Leave, and MN State Retirement System as reported and contained within the report.

The Board discussed fund balances, interest rates, and considered opening a new CD in the amount of \$400,000 to take advantage of higher interest rates.

Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote**, the Treasurer's Report was approved, and it was approved to open a CD in the amount of \$400,000.00. Treasurer Olsonawski and Administrator Money were directed to contact local banks and transfer the funds.

A **motion** was made by Olsonawski, and **seconded** by B. Anderson, to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Managers and reconvene the Kittson County Ditch #13 Improvement Project Hearing at 9:47 a.m.

The KCD13 Improvement Hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was reconvened at 9:57 a.m.

Administrator's Report:

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

Annual Budget Hearing:

The Board reviewed and compared previous budgets, year-to-date costs, and proposed budget amounts. The Annual Budget Hearing was set for 8:00 a.m. on September 3, 2026, upon a **motion** by Langehaug, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board. Administrator Money was directed to publish the meeting notice as required by law.

MN Association of Drainage Inspectors (MADI)

It was noted that MADI is holding a summer conference in St. Cloud, MN, on August 19-20, 2026. Information and training on drainage law and process will be presented. The Board authorized Technician Coffield to attend.

MN Watersheds Summer Tour

MN Watersheds is holding a summer tour along with the Red River Watershed Management Board's 50th Anniversary in Detroit Lakes, MN, on August 25-26, 2026. The Board authorized Administrator Money to attend and any board members who wish to attend. It was noted that the MN Watersheds resolutions meeting will be held electronically on August 31, 2026. Delegates for this meeting are Managers Olsonawski, Langehaug, and Klegstad.

RRWMB

A report was given and information provided regarding the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB).

Buffer Law Updates

Buffer Law was discussed. The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has indicated that they have made changes to the administrative procedures and requirements. Since the TRWD enforces buffer rules, we must amend our watershed district rules to reflect the changes. Brink Law has provided suggested language, and Jacob Narlock provided an overview. Staff and Attorney Hane were directed to continue to work on updating the watershed district rules. A public hearing will be held once the changes are finalized.

KCWRP

Administrator Money, Engineer Nordby, and Attorney Hane provided updates to the Board regarding the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP), and a written report of the construction progress was handed out. The final land exchange with the DNR has been approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will now go before the MN Land Exchange Board on September 22, 2026. Spraying of invasive cattail brush and reed canary grass will be done via drone spraying before the end of August 2026. Construction activity to restore the wetland is planned for September 2026. A grant application to FEMA under their flood mitigation Assistance Program was submitted in the amount of \$22.01 million. There is a 75% FEMA, 25% local match cost share.

TRWD Pickup:

The TRWD currently owns a 2012 Ford F150 pickup with 133,000 miles. Discussion was held regarding purchasing a new pickup, with two potential options being presented. The Board reviewed the two options, a used pickup for \$42,300 and a new pickup for \$56,000. Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Langehaug, and a **unanimous vote**, the Board approved giving staff discretion to purchase a new pickup with a budget of \$60,000, while recommending the 2023 pickup as a first choice and the 2026 pickup as a second choice.

Petition to Transfer Ditch Jurisdiction:

Kittson County has been considering transferring jurisdiction of Judicial Ditch #31 (JD31), State Ditch #84 (SD84), and State Ditch #85 (SD85) to the TRWD. The Board discussed the implications of transferring JD31, SD84, and SD85 to the TRWD, including current ditch fund balances, workload, and other logistics. A petition to transfer the ditches, drafted by Attorney Hane, was reviewed. Upon a **motion** by B. Anderson, **second** by Klein, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to submit the petition to Kittson County for the transfer of JD31, SD84, and SD85 to the jurisdiction of the TRWD.

Middle Branch Project:

At last month's regular meeting, the Board approved removing a failing creosote box culvert. The landowner requested that a Texas crossing be installed. The Board received an estimate in the amount of \$5,415 to remove the existing culvert and install a Texas crossing. Upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by Olsonawski, and a **unanimous vote**, the Board approved accepting the bid from Anderson Brothers Construction for \$5,415 to remove the existing culvert and install a Texas crossing; the Board found it to be feasible, practical, and of use to the Middle Branch project.

Overall Plan:

Discussion was held regarding the process, procedure, and timeline to get the updated Overall Plan approved by BWSR. Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to finalize the Overall Plan and it send it to the list of entities noted in Minnesota Statute 103D for the required 60 day review.

Permits:

The Board acted on the following permits. The review and comments of the Permit Review Group 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
	• Need more information			
2026-11	Mark Langehaug	Jupiter 2	new crossing with culvert	Tabled
	• Tabled for further review by Permit Review Group • Need to determine a drainage benefit regarding County Ditch #8			
2026-15	Keith Okeson	Percy 12	crossing on M. Br. Two Rivers	Tabled
	• Referred to Permit Review Group • Need more information			
2026-18	Sander Dagen	Springbrook 36	tile drainage	Approved
	Approved upon a motion by Klein, second by Klegstad, and a unanimous vote with the following conditions:			
	• Subject to the tile agreement • No pumping when downstream flooding is occurring • Pending - determination needs to be made whether it is in the Springbrook #10 benefit area			

2026-19 Alex Moore Hampden 31 tile drainage Approved
Approved upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Olsonawski, and a **unanimous vote** with the following conditions:

- Sign tile agreement
- No pumping when downstream flooding is occurring

2026-21 Randy Coffield Cannon 28 30" center line culvert Tabled

- Referred to Permit Review Group
- 18" culvert required to comply with policy

2026-23 Brady Coffield McKinley 19 install 24" cmp field crossing Tabled

- Referred to Permit Review Group
- 18" culvert required to comply with policy

2026-24 Shane Stewart St. Joseph 9 install 2 8" pvc center line culverts Tabled

- Referred to Permit Review Group

2026-25 Doug Forst Poplar Grove 18 install 18" cmp/driveway Tabled

- Referred to staff for further review

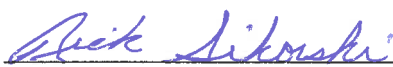
The following permits were previously approved either by the Permit Review Group or staff following procedures of the Rules of the TRWD.

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2026-17	Martin Novacek	Soler 29	center line culvert 18"	Approved
2026-20	Kittson Co Hwy Dept	Richardville 34-35	replace 16" culvert w/ 18" cmp	Approved
2026-22	Richardville Twp	Richardville 31	replace 24" x 35" w/ 30"	Approved

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