

**Minutes of the Hearing of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District for the Improvement of Kittson
County Ditch #13
Held: Thursday, August 6, 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, August 6, 2026. The meeting was held in the upstairs meeting room of the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Jacob Narlock (Brink Lawyers), Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering), Scott Henderson (H2Overviewers), Derek Ebertowski (H2Overviewers), Erik Younggren (landowner), Dan Younggren (landowner), Blair Younggren (landowner), Nathan Olsonawski (landowner), Mike Olsonawski (landowner), Alex Baldwin (landowner), Scott Lindegard (landowner), Ron Baldwin (landowner), Joel Lindegard (landowner), and Ty Diamond (landowner).

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Klegstad at 8:00 a.m.

Introductions of the board members, staff, engineer, and viewers were made. Administrator Money described the purpose of the hearing, noting that it is a formal public hearing to present the Engineer's and Viewers' Reports and take formal comments from affected persons. A petition was received from landowners which initiated the improvement proceedings for Kittson County Ditch #13 (KCD13), and the TRWD is required to follow the process under MN Statute 103E. A handout was provided detailing the proceedings and procedures for drainage projects that must be followed.

Attorney Hane gave a synopsis about the hearing, conduct at the hearing, and procedures to be followed according to MN Statute 103E.

Engineer Nordby gave a presentation regarding the Final Engineer's Survey Report. The following points were made and discussed:

- Location and history of the existing ditch
- Alternatives that were looked at and assessed and how the preferred alternative was selected
- Ditch cross sections including width and side slopes
- Ditch grade including rock drops at outlet slope, culverts, and structures, along with side water inlets
- Noted the County State Aid Highway #4 culvert would be left the same at the request of the Kittson County Highway Department
- Buffers and right of way for buffers and construction
- No work planned for branch A and branch B
- Adequacy of the outlet – noted the North Branch Two Rivers is adequate

- Estimated cost is \$1.97 million (as of April 2025) however grant funding and other sources could reduce the cost to about \$1.92 million
- Stated the engineer's opinion is that the project is necessary, feasible, and practical
- Estimated benefits are greater than the cost

Administrator Money read all exhibits, Exhibit A through Exhibit W, including the petition, Engineer's Report, Viewers' Report, and all related documents, into the record. He then read all the comments received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Henderson gave the Viewers' Report including benefits and damages that were looked at and assigned. The total benefits are over \$3.9 million. Factors such as land values, the Engineers' Report, slope, soils, distance, topography, and other criteria were used to establish parcel benefits and/or damages. Henderson discussed temporary and permanent damages assessed at \$190 per acre and \$3,100 per acre, respectively. The total amount of damages is \$101,370.

There were no comments for or against the improvement of KCD13.

Dan Younggren asked what the ditch balance is. He was informed it is \$14,173.

Secretary Klegstad asked if anyone is opposed to the proposed improvement of KCD13. Scott Lindegard stated that he isn't benefitted except when the Red River is backing up.

Eric Younggren asked about the road benefits and the engineer's estimate. He would like to see the number for the road in his township.

Secretary Klegstad closed the public comment period, which was approved upon a **motion** by Langehaug and **seconded** by Olsonawski.

Upon a **motion** Klein, **seconded** by Langehaug, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to recess the hearing and reconvene in about 30 minutes during the regular board meeting of the TRWD. The TRWD board will deliberate and make findings regarding the project at that time.

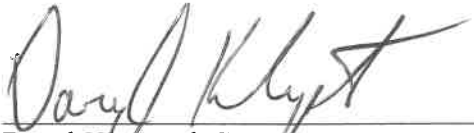
The hearing was reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

Deliberation was held regarding the hearing and project.

A **motion** was made by Klegstad, **seconded** by Olsonawski, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, to approve the Findings of Fact and Order and direct the engineer to prepare construction plans and specifications. The project will follow the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103B. The Findings of Fact and Order are attached to these minutes.

A **motion** was made by Klegstad and **seconded** by Langehaug to close the hearing and reconvene the recessed regular meeting of the Board of Manager of the TRWD at 9:57 a.m.

Attest:


Daryl Klegstad, Secretary


Rick Sikorski, President