

**These are DRAFT minutes, subject to amendment before final approval by
the Pembina County Water Resource District**

April 21, 2026
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT OFFICE, CAVALIER ND

Those present were Managers William Gunderson, Randall Emanuelson, Donald Kemp, Ted Juhl, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Robert Fleming also present. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026.

The public comment period was held at 8:15 am. No public comments were received.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the bills as presented:

14387	Bank Of ND	92,947.11
14388	Kendall Construction	42.86
14389	Pembina County	56.76
14390	Quill	192.56

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Surface Drain Permit application for Drain 4 as presented.

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the ND DWR cost-share agreement for Olga Dan Feasibility study.

Manager Kemp discussed the RRJB Strategic plan to prioritize dam rehabilitation in the Red River Basin. Discussion was held on ranking for the structures. A list will be compiled for review next week.

Discussion was held on the Spring drawdown of the dams. No changes were proposed at this time – board intends to do site inspection of the dams on Thursday prior to the meeting in Cavalier County.

Brian Osowski – AMKO Financial met with the board to discuss changing our bond paying agent. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar to AMKO Bond Services, LLC for Refunding Improvement Bonds, Series 2018A and Refunding Improvement Bonds, Series 2020A.

The board met with the Pembina County Commission regarding updates.

- Drain 67A – board requests the Commission make a formal request to Burlington Northern to remove the bridge piers left in the drain near St. Thomas as they block snow and ice and reduce flow. – States Attorney Fontaine has been informed of the issue.
- The railroad property south of Hamilton was also discussed, The board requests the county’s assistance with this matter as well – States Attorney Fontaine has been informed of the issue.
- Discussion was held on the Corp of Engineer possible restructuring
- The spring drawdown of the Tongue River dams is ongoing. Commission was reminded of the priority of flood control storage over recreation etc -especially in the spring. Board will continue to monitor the dam levels.
- Olga Dam Cost-share for investigating the failing liner has been secured from RRJB and ND DWR.

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Dan Fischer – Fischer Land Surveying and Engineering introduced new employees to the board. Fischer also reported on the site inspections on the Texas Crossing that was replaced on W-3 last summer. The area had overland flooding for a short time in March; but, the channel cleaned out quickly and no snow removal was needed.

Manager Juhl reported that Mr. Heck will be cleaning sediment from the area downstream of Bourbanis Dam on his property.

Manager Emanuelson discussed the beaver dam in Drain 67 – ½ mile west of County 4. He will bring estimates for removal next week.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman