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the Pembina County Water Resource District**

April 28, 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, Donald Kemp, Ted Juhl, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Robert Fleming also present. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 21, 2026. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve both sets of minutes for the special meetings held on April 23, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include the Mark Longtin complaint.

The board reviewed the information on the Tongue River Dams for the purpose of prioritizing them for the Red River Joint Board. Dams with current NRCS Watershed Rehabilitation in progress include: Senator Young, Bourbanis, Herzog, and Olson with Renwick already having the rehabilitation complete. Dams remaining include: Significant Hazard – Wieler, Goeschke, and Hank’s Corner as well as Willow Creek Dam on Drain 67A and Low Hazard – Morrison and Olga. Olga already has cost-share in place for the feasibility study to repair the failing slip liner.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to rank the Significant Hazards dams: Wieler and Goeschke – pending dam inspection results, Willour Coulee, Morrison, and Olga with Hank’s Corner not being ranked at this time.

The board visited by telephone with Mark Longtin regarding his complaint. He stated the largest concern is the beaver dams blocking culverts in the railroad ROW and drainage along the tracks being blocked in Section 1-162-52. Adjacent landowners have also been provided the complaint form. Discussion followed on the complaint procedure for blocked culverts. Longtin was provided with the USDA Animal control contact information. Longtin also reported a beaver dam in the coulee downstream of Drain 12 – which would be a private landowner.

The board discussed the levels of the dams on the Tongue River. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to close Herzog Dam and leave Renwick dam as it is. Wieler and Goeschke are currently closed as well.

Discussion was held on spraying of cattails and willows on the drains. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to contract with NE Aerial Drone Spraying for spraying on the legal drains with a list to be complied by July 1, 2026.

The board reviewed the easement proposals for Drain 5 and the Tongue River cutoff. Once final ROW documents are received, landowners will start to be contacted.

The board was notified of the potential changes to the ND DWR policy as well as an upcoming drain/construction permit training.

The board reviewed SOV DR 6928 (Drain 4) and SOV DR 6929 (W-2) and will not provide comment as they are our projects.

The May meeting schedule will be determined based on the spring planting and weather – no meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman