

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

April 7, 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 William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 1, 2026.

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

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

14372	LuAnn Kemp	5,560.62
14373	Pembina County	2,936.63
14374	Pembina County	54.93
14375	Houston Engineering	3,569.00
14376	Quill	770.33
14377	Cavalier Chronicle	810.88
14378	Triple D Construction	30,495.00
14379	VOID	
14380	US BANK	550.00
14381	Zion Bank	121,350.00
14382	US BANK	58,181.25
14383	Zion Bank	49,303.95
14384	US Bank	255,160.00
14385	William Gunderson	1,638.35

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the RRJB cost-share for Olga Dam pending approval by RRJB full board.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the release of the bond for the Drain 5 petitioners as the vote passed.

Discussion on the Drain 5 Open records request. Board members confirmed that there were no text messages or emails between members regarding the project or the assessment process. Office has supplied emails and text messages as requested.

Mike Ferrie – Houston Engineering met with the board via telephone regarding the Tongue River Cutoff alignment. NRCS has refused any modifications to the current contracts which will require the alignment to shift about 30 feet south. Discussion followed on easement process, design and timeline. Ferrie also discussed the request from ND DOT regarding the updated culverts in Interstate 29. As-builts from the recent FEMA cleanouts will be provided.

The board reviewed the ND DWR drainage permit for the Walhalla 2 culvert replacement and lowering under ND Highway 32. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the ND DWR drainage permit application as presented.

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Manager Kemp discussed the drawdown of the Tongue River dams. Mr. Gemmill had opened Renwick $\frac{1}{4}$ way on Wednesday, but the level has been maintained due to incoming flow. Discussion followed on the Operations and Maintenance agreements and flood storage priorities. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to direct Mr. Gemmill to open Renwick Dam fully as well as open Herzog, Goescke, and Wieler $\frac{1}{4}$ way and to monitor the levels daily.

Discussion was held on the status of the Gap vs Johnson Farms order to block the illegal drainage in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3 Walhalla. Wet conditions did not allow completion last fall. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to set the deadline for completion of the order to August 1, 2026. Attorney Fleming will notify the parties.

The board participated in the Emergency Action Tabletop in the afternoon.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman