

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

August 12, 2025

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, Ted Juhl, Donald Kemp, Richard Kendall, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Fleming also present. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025.

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

The board reviewed the correspondence from Mr. Fritz regarding the complaint against Mr. Symington. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to dismiss the complaint of Mr. Fritz against Mr. Symington based on the written notice of withdrawal of the complaint by Mr. Fritz.

The board reviewed the SOV regarding the proposed work on Old Highway 44 near American Crystal in Drayton and had no comment.

Chris Burgess – United Valley Bank met with the board for signatures on the 7-month Certificate of Deposit.

Manager Kendall discussed concerns regarding the installation of the culvert near Ben Hannesson yard – it is a Pembina County Highway project and not a WRD project. Kendall also reported that Goeschke is still closed but levels at the dam have risen.

Manager Juhl discussed beaver dams in Drain 66 – he will visit with adjacent landowners regarding removing the beaver dams using the Pembina County WRD permit for work in the drain.

Manager Kemp reported that discussion on potential drain south of Hamilton are on-going between farmers in the area.

Mike Ferrie – Houston Engineering met with monthly updates.

- Renwick Dam – project will be in front of ND DWR for cost-share on Thursday, discussion on Cavalier County participation in the dam maintenance and repairs, the repair of the USGS staff gauges will be included at this time, discussion on areas for potential access and spoiling – Ferrie will meet with ND State Park staff on-site to discuss impact areas, access, and potential for spoil area, Targeting late August/early September for bid advertising with bid opening either September 18 or 25 to allow for construction this fall and drawdown of the upstream dams before freeze-up
- Wieler Dam – discussion on the ND DWR inspection, Houston will reach out to ND DWR Dam safety to discuss findings and provide estimate for investigation of the relief wells and outlets
- Drain 7 outlet culvert – culvert is expected in next week, crop should be off later this week
- Drain 78 – permits are in process, plan to send to bid in next several weeks, discussion on possible spoil areas

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- Drain 67A – an estimate for the culvert and trap inventory for three sections. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to approve the contract with Houston Engineering for \$10,500 for the culvert and trap inventory on Drain 67A.
- Drain 64 – Enbridge is indicating they will not be able to do construction and would rather cost-share on project, discussion followed on break-down of costs for the three Enbridge crossings and the Midkota crossing. Ferrie will prepare an engineer estimate for the work
- ND DWR meetings – Zach Herrmann – Houston joined the meeting electronically to discuss the upcoming ND DWR cost-share meetings for Renwick Dam, TR Cutoff, and Tongue River EAPs
- Drain 28 reassessment – Ferrie reported he had visited with the landowner – concern regarding a bridge was reported. Pembina County Highway will be contacted regarding the bridge.

The board discussed the upcoming meeting schedule due to harvest. Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025 with special meetings for bid projects planned as needed.

Attest: _____

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman