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the Pembina County Water Resource District**

August 25, 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 William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 13, 2026.

The public comment period was held at 8:10 am. No public comments were received.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve payment of the bills as presented:

14436 Houston Engineering

81,891.03

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include the estimates for work at Goschke and Morrison Dam.

Discussion held on the road into Goschke Dam. It appears that it is a township road so Beaulieu township will be contacted regarding the need for maintenance on the road. The estimate from Kendall Construction for \$6840 was not approved at this time until after the township is contacted.

The trash racks at Morrison Dam were discussed. The plan is to reconstruct the trash racks similar to the Olga and Olson Dam projects. The board reviewed Kendall Construction's estimate of \$11,200.00 and asked he provided additional information regarding the design and breakdown of costs to allow for submittal to the ND DWR and RRJB for cost-share.

The beaver activity at Bourbanis Dam was discussed. The USDA trapper will be contacted to remove the beaver from the area.

Jeff Duray and Cordell Wimpfheimer arrived at this time.

The board reviewed the direct hire quotes for the culvert installation into Drain 67A.

- Triple D Construction \$6800.00
- Kendall Construction \$5980.00

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by unanimously carried to approve hiring Kendall Construction for the direct hire of the culvert installation into Drain 67A.

The Drain 64 Enbridge and Minnkota culverts were delivered; however, bands are not ready yet which is delaying the start. This is due to the gauge of the band.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the NDDOT ROW permits associated with previously approved tile permits for Narloch, Cameron, and Vivatson.

The board reviewed the under 80 acre tile notification from Puppe for a project in W ½ of SW ¼ of Section 5-160-54.

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A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Puppe tile permit for a 122-acre drain tile system in NE ¼ of Section 13-160-55 with the following conditions on the permit:

1. that Applicant install and maintain erosion protection at any and all outlets
2. that Applicant install and maintain erosion protection or other ditch stabilization materials at any and all outlets into Pembina County's highway right of way/NDDOT's highway right of way.
3. that Applicant install and maintain erosion protection at any and all outlets
4. that Applicant re-establish any areas disturbed installing or maintaining Applicant's tile system.
5. that Applicant will not install Applicant's tile system within 20 feet, on either side, of any rural water lines of North Valley Rural Water District
6. that Applicant must turn off any pump outlets and otherwise close all outlets during "critical flood periods," as determined by the Pembina County Water Resource District.
7. that Applicant must apply for an amendment to SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT in advance of any proposed alterations to outlet locations, the addition of any outlets, or improvements or modifications to the tile system that could increase the capacity or drainage area of the tile system.
8. that Applicant remove silt or vegetation, or repair erosion or scour damages directly caused by Applicant's tile system, but only up to one mile downstream from the outlet

Drain 11 culverts are ready for delivery – Triple D will coordinate with local farmers regarding the timing of the installation around harvest needs.

The soft bids for Drain 6 were opened at the time and place noted in the bid package. Bids received were:

- Triple D Construction \$71850.00
- Dirty Deeds Construction \$75975.00

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to award the Drain 6 Cleanout to Triple D Construction.

Phil Longtin met with the board regarding a request for a culvert into Drain 74 (portion that was Drain 24) in Section 25- Felson. Longtin will visit with the township regarding cleaning of the township road ditch and the length of the culvert through the township road. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve a direct hire project to install a 24 inch culvert into Drain 74 based on the township approval of the ditch cleanout and recommended length of the culvert.

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The board reviewed the estimate from Dirty Deeds regarding adding rip rap and trap installation in Drain 4. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the estimate of \$1000.00 for the work on Drain 4. Wimpfheimer reported that insurance is being worked on for Drain 4 soft bid project.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the ND DOW ROW permit for Drain 6 cleanout.

Updates were given from the legislative meeting hosted by ND Water Users Association.

- Any board can propose a resolution for consideration at the December meeting
- Cost-share changes were discussed – implementation may occur as early as December – if they are unfavorable, legislative action may be needed – max of 50% cost-share with \$5 million project cap is current proposal
- Zebra mussels impacts for dams with gates, etc.
- May need to contact legislators regarding the benefit of the ND DWR cost-share to the local area
- Encourage state bonding for the state's share of the larger water distribution projects to allow more money in the cost-share buckets
- Potential of change from \$4 x 6 years to \$4 x 10 years for projects

The 2025 Audit is nearly complete and waiting on attorney letters.

Manager Gunderson reported on silt build up near culvert in Drain 16. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Donald Kemp, by vote unanimously carried to authorize Gunderson to approve up to \$2500 to clean the necessary area.

Manager Juhl reported on additional beaver dam issues.

Manager Kemp discussed the helicopter spraying. Maps have been provided to the applicator out of Larimore.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026 at 7:30 am due to harvest schedule.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman