

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

February 17, 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 (telephone), Randall Emanuelson, Donald Kemp, Ted Juhl (telephone), and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Robert Fleming also present. A motion as made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026.

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

The board reviewed the 2026 construction projects. In addition to the current projects with engineers.

- Olga Dam Road
- Senator Young rip rap and dam safety inspection
- Wieler Dam
- Willow Coulee tree removal

Mike Ferrie -Houston Engineering also present. Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering joined electronically.

Attorney Fleming updated on the Fleming vs Burlington Northern complaint memo – no action taken. Discussion followed on cost for single site stream crossing analysis.

Chris Burgess presented the proposal for the 2026 operating loan. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the 2026 operating loan of \$700,000 at 4.5% with United Valley Bank.

Ballots for the Drain 5 Improvements and Extension were opened.

Yes: \$944,599.00
No: \$319800.00

Voter turnout was approximately 75%. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Order Establishing the Improvements and Expansion of Pembina County #5 and Notice of the Order Establishing the Improvements and Expansion of Pembina County #5.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to set the Drain 5 Improvements and Expansion Assessment hearing for April 14, 2026.

Mike Ferrie – Houston Engineering gave updates on projects.

- Tongue River Snagging and Clearing – Discussion on the drone estimate and miles to be flown; \$7500 will cover between 12 – 15 miles of flight, processing, and possible hearing

The board met with the Pembina County Commission. Updates given on:

- Snagging and clearing flight path – Commission requests that area downstream of Wieler is included. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the suggested flight path and pay remaining 50% of the cost from the general fund. Pembina County Commission will be covering the other 50%.
- Discussion on the upcoming Red River Basin Commission meeting in Fargo; Manager Kemp has been appointed by Red River Joint Board

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Ferrie continued with Houston updates.

- Drain 78 – approximately \$20,000 in engineering remains to close-out the project including the additional riprap. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the change order for \$35,000 with Tunheim Construction for the additional Rip rap. Tunheim would like to haul additional rip rap in on the frost to minimize any damage to roads.
- Drain 64 – meeting is being planned for March with Enbridge and Minkota
- Drain 4 – the ND DWR cost-share application for pre-construction was discussed; A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the NDDWR Cost-share application for Drain 4 pre-construction.
- Drain 67A – discussion on the proposed culvert/trap repair projects; Ferrie will be reviewing a few of the sites to confirm condition of the culvert. There are several beaver dams that will need removing prior to working on the culvert project due to water being held back.
- Drain Assessment – was tabled until later this spring

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman