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the Pembina County Water Resource District**

February 24, 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 William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026.

The public comment period was held at 9:00 am. No public comments were received.

Zach Hermann – Houston Engineering joined the meeting electronically. The board reviewed the correspondence from the ND DWR Cost-Share Manager Abigail Franklund regarding the eligibility of the Tongue River dam investigation for Olga, Morrison, Weiler, and Goeschke Dams. This was in response to the slip liner failure at Olga Dam as the other dams listed have the same slip-lining repair in the mid-1980s. The board wishes to be proactive and identify issues prior to them becoming an emergency during a flood event. Discussion followed on Franklund’s determination that only Olga will be eligible for ND DWR cost-share as it has already experienced a slip-liner failure and is need of dam safety repairs. The board discussed options for appealing the decision as well as the possibility of moving only Olga forward at this time. Manager Kemp plans to visit with Red River Joint as well as ND Water Managers Association regarding options for having proactive work being funded rather than waiting for emergency repairs and possible decommissioning. The board strongly desires working to maintain current retention if possible.

A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to amend the ND DWR cost-share to include only the work at Olga Dam with a statement of disagreement regarding the ineligibility of the other dams in question. It is the intention of the board to move the other dams forward pending the ND DWR Dam Safety inspections.

The Dam Safety inspections for Olson, Senator Young, Renwick, and Goeschke Dams were reviewed. A list of priorities will be prepared for summer 2026.

Manager Kemp reviewed the correspondence from Keith Weston regarding funding for dam repairs and investigations.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary                      Donald Kemp, Chairman