

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

March 10, 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 as made by William Gunderson, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Notice of Assessment Hearing to set the date and time for the Improvements And Expansion Of Pembina County Drain #5 Assessment hearing to April 14, 2026 @10:00 am at the Pembina County Water Resource District Office.

Patrick Dunnigan met with the board on behalf of Walhalla Township to discuss the dead trees along Drain 12. Attorney Fleming discussed the pending insurance claim regarding the claim and the lack of action by the insurance company. Dunnigan will provide Fleming with the bills for removing the trees from the roadway. Correspondence will be sent to the insurance company regarding the claim.

Kendall Gemmill arrived at this time.

The board reviewed the Dam Inspection reports from the ND Department of Water Resources. Discussion followed on timing of the needed repairs with the pending rehabilitation studies and possible outlet repair work needed. The Emergency Action plan will be updated after the tabletop is completed. Discussion followed on recommendations to limit traffic on the dams and spillways.

Attorney Fleming had no other updates.

Mike Ferrie – Houston Engineering met with project updates.

- Snagging and Clearing – the contract for eleven miles of drone flight was presented
- Drain 78 – Tunheim will be waiting to bring in the rip rap for the change order until the spring
- Drain 5 – the board discussed the process moving forward, cost-share has already been obtained for preconstruction design and permitting
- Tongue River Dam meeting with Cavalier County is scheduled for Thursday – Zach Herrmann called into the meeting to discuss the meeting with Cavalier County and Olga Dam outlet repairs – Meeting was cancelled later in the day due to expected winter weather
- Emergency Action Plan exercise is planned for Thursday – discussion followed on process of the exercise – Cancelled later in the day and rescheduled for April
- Tongue River Cutoff – working on final permits and NRCS easement modified use permits; once those are in place, easements will go out to landowners

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- Drain 64 – Enbridge and Minkota Crossings – Tim Larson with Enbridge, and Ryan Broby/Cameran Korontya with Minkota (electronic) met with the board to discuss the crossing in Drain 64 in need of repairs. Both entities understand the drain’s financial constraints and desire to move the project forward by financially supporting the project to replace all four crossings. Minkota would like their crossing shifted slightly west to line up with the gate better. Enbridge also will be working with Ferrie to shift the crossing slightly. Enbridge does need the crossing in late summer for planned work. A full bid package will be prepared for bid in mid-May. Attorney Fleming will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for the parties regarding the financial contributions and expectations of each party.

Manager Kemp reported on a group wanting to do beaver dam removal in the county. The board will map areas of concern for the group to trap at no cost to the WRD. He also reported on the Red River Basin Commission meeting last week. There was discussion on the Corp study as well as the border dike and erosion impacting water quality.

Attest:

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LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

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Donald Kemp, Chairman