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the Pembina County Water Resource District**

May 26, 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 was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 19, 2026.

The public comment period was held at 12:01 pm. No public comments were received.

Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering presented on project updates.

- City of Pembina Dam removal – the board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pembina and the Pembina County WRD. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the MOU with the City of Pembina as presented.
- Hermann reviewed the progress on the Tongue River Dam watershed planning projects. Senator Young has a cost-overrun of \$115,000 and Olson of \$87,000 due to changes in the NRCS process. A cost-share request to RRJB will be completed to request additional funding to cover the overages. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the RRJB cost-share application as presented.
- Drain 5 Assessment was reviewed. Greg Andreen and Hunter Cowdrey with Nillson Law representing landowners McDonald, Reilly, and Hanson. Andreen discussed current usage of the land. Discussion followed on expiring WRP easement and land use.
 - 13-1670000 – parcel is currently in USDA WRP program until 2030 with ND Game and Fish Plots until 2023; proposed 43.6% uplift potential with adequate drainage management; NO change recommended to initial benefit and assessments.
 - 13-0270000 – further review indicates that 60Acres be removed from the Drain 5 assessment area with 100 acres remaining as the initial analysis benefit and assessment
 - 13-1880000 – parcel has benefit from Drain 5; NO change recommended to initial benefit and assessments.
 - 13-1740000 - NO change recommended to initial benefit and assessments.
 - 13-0260010 – remove from the Drain 5 assessment based on further review of LIDAR and elevations.
 - 13-02800000 – recommend to assess 80 acres of the parcel to Drain 5
 - 13-02900000 – remove from the south ½ from Drain 5 assessment area based on further review of LIDAR and elevations
 - The board took no action and will review the recommendations further

Yaping Chi – ND DWR and Brian Fuder – Red River Retention met with the board regarding the RRJB proposal to rank retention structures for potential cost-share. The board reviewed the current ranking proposals and provide comment back.

Attest: _____

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Donald Kemp, Chairman