RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT FULL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JULY 16, 2025
8:30 A.M.

A special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Full Board was held on July 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Keith Weston, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Bruce Anderson, Barnes County Water Resource District; Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Jay Colwell, North Cass Water Resource District; Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District; Arv Burvee, Richland County Water Resource District; Michael Wyum, Sargent County Water Resource District; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Director, Secretary-Treasurer; Amy Hepper, Accountant; Elizabeth Smith, Administrative Assistant; Rita Nelson, Accounting Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Randy Gjestvang, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR); Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Morrie Lanning, Barr Engineering Co.; Ted Preister, Red River Basin Commission Executive Director; and LuAnn Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer. Grand Forks County, Nelson County, Ransom County, Rush River, Traill County, and Walsh County Water Resource Districts were absent.

Cost-share request – Pembina County Water Resource District – Renwick Dam Safety Project

Don Kemp and Zach Herrmann gave an overview of the Renwick Dam. Mr. Herrmann stated that the Pembina County Water Resource District is requesting cost-share for repair of the bank failure that occurred on the spillway outlet channel of the Renwick Dam during the week of March 24, 2025. The RRJWRD previously approved cost-share for investigation and analysis needed to develop a recommendation, design, and cost estimate for the repair. Mr. Herrmann discussed the proposed project in more detail. The cost-share request is for 90% of the non-federal, non-state share of the project to exceed $198,280. Mr. Herrmann indicated the request is for 90% due to the necessity of completing the project this year and limited funding availability locally. Discussion was held on the timeline of the project. Chairman Ihry noted the cost-share request was recommended for approval by the Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Manager Weston to approve the Pembina County Water Resource District cost-share request regarding the Renwick Dam Safety Project for up to 90% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed $198,280. Manager Wyum seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Cost-share request – Pembina County Water Resource District – Emergency Action Plan Updates

Chairman Ihry indicated the cost-share request from Pembina County Water Resource District for updates to Emergency Action Plans is an amendment to their original cost-share request. The total amount of cost-share requested exceeds the amount the Executive Committee can approve.

Mr. Herrmann stated the Pembina County Water Resource District is updating Emergency Action Plans for 8 of their dams on the Tongue River. Additional work is needed to complete the updates of these Plans. The RRJWRD previously approved a cost-share request for this project at their January 10, 2024, meeting. Mr. Herrmann stated the request today is for 65% of the non-federal, non-state share of the project not to exceed an additional $10,413. The total cost-share amount would then be $26,611.

A motion was made by Manager Melvin to approve the Pembina County Water Resource District cost-share request regarding their Emergency Action Plan Updates for up to 65% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed a total amount of $26,611. Manager Colwell seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary