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RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT FULL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
NOVEMBER 25, 2025
9:30 A.M.

A special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Full Board was held on November 25, 2025, at 9:30 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; Andy Neset, Traill County 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; Amy Hepper, Treasurer; Elizabeth Smith, Administrative Assistant; Rita Nelson, Accounting Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Kurt Lysne, Nathan Trosen, and Lyndon Pease, Moore Engineering, Inc.; and Mike Opat, Houston Engineering, Inc. Grand Forks County, North Cass, Nelson County, Ransom County, Rush River, and Walsh County Water Resource Districts were absent.

Cost-share request - Traill County Water Resource District – Elm River Dam Nos. 1 and 2 Improvement Project and Elm River Dam No. 3 Improvement Project – request for amendments

Lyndon Pease updated the Board on the Elm River Dam Nos. 1 and 2 Improvement Project and Elm River Dam No. 3 Improvement Project. The Projects are complete, and final costs are now known. Brief discussion was held on financing for the Projects. The Board discussed long-term maintenance of the Elm River Dams. Chairman Ihry noted the cost-share request was recommended for approval by the RRJWRD Executive Committee.

It was moved by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following with the Traill County Water Resource District:

- *Second Amendment to Cost-Share Agreement* for the Elm River Dam Nos. 1 and 2 Improvement Project for up to 90% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed an additional $1,115,297.37
- *Second Amendment to Cost-Share Agreement* for the Elm River Dam No. 3 Improvement Project for up to 90% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed an additional $245,011.50

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2026 meeting schedule

It was moved by Manager Neset, seconded by Manager Kemp and unanimously carried to set the following as the regular meeting dates, times and places for the Red River Joint Water Resource District in 2026:

Red River Joint Water Resource District – Executive Committee
2026 Regular Meetings

All meetings start at 9:30 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, 1201 West Main Avenue, West Fargo, North Dakota, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. (Full Board at 9:30 a.m.)
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, May 13
Wednesday, July 8
Wednesday, August 12
Wednesday, November 18

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Wednesday, April 8
Wednesday, June 10
Wednesday, September 9
Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center, 800 South Third Street, Bismarck, North Dakota

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Adjournment
There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary

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