RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 14, 2026
11:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on January 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District; Tom Perdue, Grand Forks County Water Resource District; Andy Neset, Traill County Water Resource District (Alternate); Michael Wyum, Sargent County Water Resource District (Alternate); Melissa Hinkemeyer, Director, Secretary; Amy Hepper, Treasurer; Elizabeth Smith, Administrative Assistant; Rita Nelson, Accounting Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Yaping Chi, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR); Brian Fuder, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA); Kurt Lysne, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Mike Opat and Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc.; and LuAnn Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer. Southeast Cass and Richland County Water Resource Districts were absent.

2026 elections and appointments

A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Perdue to appoint the following officers of the RRJWRD for 2026:

Chair	Josh Ihry
Vice-Chair	Keith Weston
Secretary	Melissa Hinkemeyer
Treasurer	Amy Hepper

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Perdue and seconded by Manager Wyum to designate the principal office for calendar year 2026 as the Cass County Highway Department, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, North Dakota. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Kemp and seconded by Manager Wyum to approve the RRJWRD appointments for calendar year 2026 as follows:

North Dakota Water Coalition:
- Voting Member: Keith Weston
- Alternate: Josh Ihry

North Dakota Water Coalition, Funding Subcommittee
- Voting Member: Keith Weston
- Alternate: Andy Neset

Red River Retention Authority:
- Three Voting Members: Josh Ihry, Tom Perdue, and Keith Weston
- Alternates: Don Kemp and Andy Neset

Red River Basin Commission:
- Two Voting Members: Don Kemp and Tom Perdue
- Alternates: Keith Weston and Josh Ihry

International Water Institute Board of Directors:
- Tom Perdue
- Alternate: Andy Neset

Assessment Benefits and Methodologies Technical Group:
- Zach Herrmann and Kurt Lysne

BTSAC - Basin Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee:
- Randy Gjestvang, Mike Opat, Mike Bassingthwaite, and Kurt Lysne

Lower Red River Regional Detention Analysis Committee:
- Don Kemp, Keith Weston, Yaping Chi, Zach Herrmann, Josh Hassell, and Mike Bassingthwaite

North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association:
- Josh Ihry and Keith Weston

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors
- Sean M. Fredricks, Kurt Lysne, and Tom Perdue

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- Arv Burvee

North Dakota NRCS Technical Committee:
- Keith Weston and Tom Perdue

Legal Counsel
- Sean M. Fredricks

Additional Engineering Consultants

- Moore Engineering, Inc.
- Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Houston Engineering, Inc.
- Pribula Engineering

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Manager Kemp, seconded by Manager Neset, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda, as presented.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Kemp, seconded by Manager Perdue to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no speaker cards submitted for public comment at this meeting.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the financial report to the Board.

Manager Wyum moved to approve the following:

- Financial report, as presented
- Depositories of RRJWRD public funds
- Pledges of Assets
- Payment of the wire transfers, as presented

Depositories of RRJWRD public funds

- The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota)
- Old National Bank formerly Bremer Bank, N.A. – Fargo
- Old National Bank formerly Bremer Bank, N.A. – Lisbon
- Bell Bank
- Alerus Financial
- Dakota Heritage Bank – Hillsboro
- Stock Growers Bank – Forman
- Choice Bank – Grafton
- United Valley Bank – Cavalier
- BankNorth
- First International Bank & Trust

RRJWRD Pledges of Assets

- Alerus Financial, as per agreement executed October 11, 2022
- Bell Bank – FHLB of Des Moines Letter of Credit dated September 19, 2025
- Bell Bank – FHLB of Des Moines Letter of Credit dated October 10, 2025

- Bell Bank – FHLB of Des Moines Letter of Credit dated October 17, 2025
- Bell Bank – FHLB of Des Moines Letter of Credit dated December 12, 2025
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (Old National Bank-Bremer) – Letter of Credit dated December 11, 2025
- Dakota Heritage Bank – $1,114,046
- The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota) - $5,340,000
- Stock Growers Bank - Forman - $115,000
- Choice Bank – Grafton, as per agreement dated September 12, 2023
- BankNorth Letter of Credit dated July 24, 2025

Manager Perdue seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

Next meeting

The next RRJWRD Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on March 11, 2026, at the Cass County Highway Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 11:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary