

RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 14, 2026
9:15 A.M.

A special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on January 14, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District; 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.; Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner; Yaping Chi, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR); Brian Fuder, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA); Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc; and Sarah Johnston, Walsh County Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer. Richland County, Southeast Cass, and Grand Forks County Water Resource Districts were absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

Cost-share request – Walsh County Water Resource District – Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Updates for ten dams (Amendment)

Yaping Chi stated that the Walsh County Water Resource District is requesting a cost-share amendment for their EAP updates for ten dams due to additional modeling that is needed to meet the new state dam safety requirements. The Cost-share request for EAP updates was originally approved by the RRJWRD in 2024.

Walsh County Water Resource District is requesting 65% of the non-federal, non-state share of the project to update the EAPs for ten dams in the district not to exceed an additional \$10,270. Yaping Chi recommended the RRJWRD approve the request.

A motion was made by Manager Kemp to recommend the Full Board approve the Walsh County Water Resource District project to update the EAPs for ten dams in the district for 65% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed an additional \$10,270, for a total cost-share not to exceed \$39,975. Manager Wyum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary