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RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
OCTOBER 14, 2026
9:00 A.M.

A special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on October 14, 2026, at 9:02 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Keith Weston, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District; Tom Perdue, Grand Forks 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.; Yaping Chi, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR); Brian Fuder, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA); Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Nick Pribula, Pribula Engineering-Surveying; and Lori Christianson, Grand Forks County Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer.

Cost-share request – Grand Forks County Water Resource District – Dam Site #8 Repair of Fresh Water Outlet

Manager Perdue indicated that the Grand Forks County Water Resource District is requesting cost-share for their Dam Site #8 Repair of Fresh Water Outlet. Manager Perdue and Nick Pribula discussed the issue where the fresh water pipe is pulling away from the riser tower causing water to leak which in turn causes the riser tower to freeze. The issue appears to have been caused by settlement of surrounding soil. The repair is time sensitive. The repair includes relining the existing concrete pipe with a smaller pipe and pouring a new cradle to support the pipe. Grand Forks County Water Resource District is requesting 65% of the non-federal, non-state share of the project for the Dam Site #8 Repair of Fresh Water Outlet not to exceed $9,750.

A motion was made by Manager Burvee and seconded by Manager Kemp to approve the Grand Forks County Water Resource District Dam Site #8 Repair of Fresh Water Outlet for 65% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed $9,750.

Discussion:

Manager Weston inquired about the anticipated lifespan of the Dam Site #8 repair

method. The Board discussed and Manager Burvee noted Richland County Water Resource District has had success with this type of repair. It was noted there may be a more permanent repair needed in the future.

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 at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary

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