

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Friday, October 31, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held a special meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. The meeting was held in the District office in the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

Managers present included President Rick Sikorski, Vice President Roger Anderson, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, Scott Klein and Mark Langehaug. None were absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, and Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers).

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski.

Kittson County Ditch #7 (KCD7):

The purpose of the special meeting is to review the comments that have been received by the TRWD regarding the proposed improvement of KCD7. Administrator Money handed out the comments that were received, and they were reviewed and addressed by the Board. Discussion was held regarding Minnesota drainage law and the process that must be followed. At the upcoming hearing on Thursday, November 6, 2025, the Board will deliberate and decide whether to approve, deny, or send the project back to the viewers or engineer.

Attorney Hane discussed Minnesota Statute 103E.315 subdivision 7, which states that if the project addresses a problem from increased drainage in the project watershed, then the viewers may assess benefits on property in the project watershed on a pro rata basis. Hane suggested it would be beneficial to have a statement from the project engineer regarding how much of the increase in capacity that the ditch needs is due to more and better drainage upstream.

Discussion was held regarding various aspects of the Viewer's Report, comments received regarding the viewer's methods of assessing benefited areas, and the benefit rate that was assessed across the entire benefit area.

Money discussed several discrepancies with the parcels in the Viewer's Report; some parcels appear to be assessed when they do not drain to KCD7 and vice versa. If the project moves forward, this will need to be addressed.

At the reconvened hearing on Thursday, November 6, 2025, the Board must deliberate and make findings of fact and an order that supports their final decision. The findings of fact should address the Engineer's Report, Viewer's Report, comments received, DNR comments, and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' comments.

Overall Plan:

Money shared maps and descriptions of each subwatershed in the TRWD and discussed updating the Overall Plan. The Overall Plan will list the issues and potential solutions in each subwatershed and will describe projects that have been completed and progress being made.

Each manager will review the information presented and rank and prioritize the issues in the subwatersheds they are most familiar with. Money will use this information to summarize the issues by subwatershed and for the TRWD as a whole.

A draft of the revised Overall Plan should be ready by the end of the year.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:


Daryl Klegstad, Secretary


Rick Sikorski, President