

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, March 12, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026. 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, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, Scott Klein and Mark Langehaug. Vice President R. Anderson arrived at the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Engineer Jake Huwe (HDR Engineering), Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering), Ed Walsh (Citizens Advisory Committee Member), and Rodney Sikorski.

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski at 8:02 a.m. Sikorski then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Langehaug, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The regular meeting minutes from January 8, 2026, and the special meeting minutes from January 28, 2026, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote** with the following correction: in the January 28, 2026, special meeting minutes, Treasurer Olsonawski needs to be correctly names as the Treasurer, not the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Money presented the treasurer's report including the fund balances, accounts listing, and deposit detail. It was noted that checks written for the month include check numbers 10704 through 10726 and electronic funds transfers to PERA, MN Dept. of Revenue, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, and MN State Retirement System as reported and contained within the report.

A **motion** was made by Klegstad, **seconded** by B. Anderson, and passed 4-2 with Klein and Langehaug dissenting, to cash out a \$350,000 cd at United Valley Bank. \$50,000 will be deposited into the Money Market Savings Account at American Federal Bank, and \$300,000 will be deposited into a new cd and earmarked as escrow to satisfy the request of Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District regarding financial assurance for required, permitted wetland mitigation work at the KCWRP.

The treasurer's report was then approved upon a **motion** by B. Anderson, a **second** by Klegstad, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

District Administrator Money gave a report on the following and distributed a handout:

Annual Audit:

Staff from Brady Martz will be conducting the annual audit for the 2025 fiscal year at the District office on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Administrative Assistant Soberaski will be

switching her scheduled workday from Wednesday to Thursday that week to assist. Staff will also be working on the 2025 Annual Report.

Legislature:

Administrator Money attended the annual legislative briefing of the Minnesota Watersheds in St. Paul March 3-4, 2026. Money stated that Representative Burkel is working on a hazard mitigation funding bill. The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) met with key DNR and agency officials regarding funding and permitting.

Overall Plan:

Discussion was held regarding the contents of the Overall Plan and the requirements needed to update the plan according to Minnesota statutes. The Board reviewed a draft outline of the plan, and plans to have a draft of the Overall Plan completed for the April 2, 2026, meeting and, pending Board approval, submit the draft Overall Plan to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for review. A public hearing will be scheduled later in 2026.

Treasurer Olsonawski left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2026 Snow Survey & Spring Runoff Report:

Staff collected snow depth samples and calculated water equivalents for various designated sample locations throughout the TRWD. The National Weather Service predicts moderate flooding this year for the Two Rivers and northern parts of the Red River.

Legal Ditch Report:

Kittson County Ditch #3 (KCD13):

The Viewers have submitted a partial report. The full viewers' report is needed before a hearing can be scheduled. Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the KCD13 improvement.

Roseau & Kittson County Redetermination of Benefits:

Administrator Money attended hearings in both Roseau and Kittson County regarding the redetermination of benefits.

Judicial Ditch 3 (JD3) Survey Report:

Technician Coffield presented the survey that was done in 2025. No maintenance is recommended at this time.

Project Report:

Water Quality Offsets:

The Board approved HEI Engineering to use data from the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP) for a study with the Red River Basin Commission. The study is to determine if watershed district projects could be used by cities to offset water quality requirements for phosphorous. There is no commitment by the TRWD or cities at this time.

Horseshoe/Skull Lake:

The Board discussed and reviewed the issues with the project, including the project not being completed by the deadline and concrete samples failing testing. A letter was sent to Landwehr Construction regarding liquidated damages and warranty. The TRWD is currently awaiting a response from Landwehr Construction.

KCWRP Dam Safety Permit:

Received information from the DNR regarding a draft permit and potential conditions. TRWD and HDR Engineering staff will schedule a meeting with the DNR to further discuss and clarify the conditions.

Christian Wetland Mitigation Site:

Quotes for this project were received and opened on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Engineer Nordby and the TRWD staff recommend awarding the project to Northern Harbor, LLC, who had the lowest quote in the amount of \$88,590.50. Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Langehaug, and **unanimous vote**, the Board approved awarding the project to Northern Harbor, LLC for the quoted price of \$88,590.50. Engineer Nordby and Administrator Money will notify the contractor and prepare a notice to proceed.

Juneberry Project:

A meeting for the Juneberry Project Work Team is scheduled on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Roseau County Courthouse to discuss the future of this project team and whether any more meetings are necessary. Managers Sikorski, B. Anderson, and Administrator Money will attend the meeting. Engineer Huwe presented power point on hydrological model results, alternatives for projects that were identified, and other details of the big swamp area in both the Roseau and Two Rivers Watersheds. Data from the 2019 flood was used as baseline inputs and seven alternatives and their benefits were presented. Discussion was held by the Board and those in attendance; no action was taken.

Christian Mitigation Site:

Engineer Nordby informed the Board that, after further discussion with Northern Harbor, LLC, it was determined that an additional amount would need to be added to their quote due to a miscalculation of seed prices.

Treasurer Olsonawski returned to the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved, contingent upon review by Attorney Hane, that the apparent low quote be amended to allow for additional material cost due to a quote price error.

It was noted in discussion that the quote from Northern Harbor, LLC would still be the lowest quote received. HEI Engineering staff and legal council were directed to confirm the changes and proceed to award the contract if deemed acceptable under law.

Permits:

The Board acted on the following permits. The review and comments of the Permit Review Group (PRG) were carefully considered and taken into consideration. Any comments provided by members of the PRG, road authorities, or affected landowners have been recorded and filed with the permit documentation in the District office. Conditions, if any, are listed on the permit sent to the individual.

<i>Permit #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2026-01	Brandon Kuznia	Polonia 12	Tile Drainage	Denied

- The application did not contain required requested information.
- The applicant may reapply with further information to support the project.

206-02	Robert Hunt	Deerwood 11	crossing/ 18" cmp	Referred to staff
2026-03	Ryan Schwenzfeier	Granville 24	crossing/ 18" or 24"	Referred to staff

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:


Daryl Klegstad, Secretary


Rick Sikorski, President