

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Thursday, February 5, 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, February 5, 2026. The meeting was held in the District office in the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

Managers present included Vice President Roger Anderson, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, Scott Klein, and Mark Langehaug. President Rick Sikorski was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Engineer Jake Huwe (HDR Engineering), and Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering).

The meeting was called to order by Vice President R. Anderson. R. Anderson then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, which was then approved upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by B. Anderson and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The special meeting minutes from January 6, 2026, the Annual Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2026, and the regular meeting minutes from January 8, 2026, were reviewed and approved upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote**.

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 10679 through 10703 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 CD at Border State Bank matures on February 2, 2026. It was decided that, upon maturity, the funds from the CD will be deposited into the Money Market Savings Account to use for 2026 construction costs. Ditch funds and balances were discussed, as well as upcoming maintenance expenses.

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:

Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Event:

The Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Event 2026 will take place March 3 and 4, 2026, in St. Paul, MN. The Board authorized Administrator Money to attend and encouraged any interested Board members or staff to let Administrator Money know if they plan to attend so he can get them registered. The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) will also be organizing meetings with key state agencies to discuss drainage and permitting issues, River Watch funding, and \$35 million in bonding.

Kittson County ACH Request:

Kittson County will be transitioning to electronic payments (ACH) to streamline their payment process. They requested that the Two Rivers Watershed District (TRWD) complete and submit forms authorizing ACH payments. Upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to submit the forms to allow Kittson County to make ACH payments for future payments to the TRWD.

Employee Health Insurance:

Discussion was held regarding the TRWD's Employee Policy in regard to health insurance benefits, which is to be reviewed in even numbered years. Different options were discussed. The Board generally approved potentially offering plans through Aflac and Health Access Solutions. A final decision will be formally approved at the next board meeting, and staff were directed to present specific details at that time.

Overall Plan:

Administrator Money provided an update and is working to have a draft of the Overall Plan for the Board to review at their March 12, 2026, Board Meeting. Engineer Nordby presented information on the proposed mapping of the 10 year floodplain. The plan revision will provide updated information regarding hydrological data, specific projects, and goals and objectives for the future.

Ditch Redetermination of Benefits:

Roseau and Kittson Counties are undertaking redetermination of benefits on numerous ditch systems. A Viewers Report was sent to the TRWD regarding this effort. Discussion was held regarding the redetermination of benefits for Roseau County Ditch 13, State Ditch 72, and State Ditch 95. The Board reviewed a letter drafted by Administrator Money and reviewed by Attorney Hane which details several concerns with the property owners report that seem to contradict Minnesota Ditch Law. The Board directed Administrator Money to send the letter to the county commissioners and the viewers.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) Survey Conference:

The MNDOT Survey Conference will provide attendees with survey training and information regarding the latest updates and use of survey equipment. Upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by B. Anderson, and **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to allow Technician Coffield to attend the conference in Brainerd, MN, on March 24-26, 2026.

Horseshoe Lake:

Engineer Huwe and Administrator Money discussed the Horseshoe Lake construction project. The contractor, Landwehr Construction Inc., finished 33 days late and some concrete tests did not pass specifications. Landwehr Construction Inc. is asking that liquidated damages be waived. Engineer Huwe stated that although there may be some surface cracking, the concrete should be structurally sound. He suggested requiring Landwehr Construction Inc. to provide a 10 year warranty instead of the current one year warranty. Upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by Klein, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to require full liquidated damages as determined by Engineer Huwe and to require a 10 year warranty on concrete structures. Administrator Money was directed to send a letter to notify Landwehr Construction Inc.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project (KCWRP):

- DNR Dam Safety Permit
 - The TRWD has met with the DNR regarding the dam safety permit. The DNR submitted a set of 12 additional questions to the TRWD regarding questions they have about the structures, dikes, and environmental impacts. Discussion was held regarding the DNR’s questions and the TRWD’s possible responses. Administrator Money and Engineer Huwe will further work on responses to the DNR’s questions and submit their reply to the DNR within one week.

- Wetland Mitigation Site
 - Upon a **motion** by Klein, **second** by Langehaug, and a **unanimous vote** of the Board, it was approved to proceed with advertising for quotes from prospective contractors to do the wetland mitigation work. Quotes will be opened on March 10, 2026, and reviewed at the March 12, 2026, meeting of the board.
 - Manager Klegstad, Administrator Money, Manager Klein, and Engineer Nordby were directed to attend the Kittson SWCD board meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, to discuss issues mentioned in a letter received from the Kittson SWCD regarding wetland mitigation. The Board directed Administrator Money to send a letter to the Kittson SWCD in response to the letter that was received.

- Funding
 - Upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, **second** by B. Anderson, and a **unanimous vote**, the Board approved Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$249,750 to Spruce Valley Construction and directed Administrator Money to sign on behalf of the Board.

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>App. #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2026-10	Brandon Kuznia	Polonia 12	Tile Drainage	Tabled

More information is needed about the air gap design, downstream outlet, and ability to shut off when flooding is occurring. The permit was referred to the permit review committee to gather information, discuss further with the applicant, and make a decision.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest:



Daryl Klegstad, Secretary



Rick Sikorski, President