Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held a special meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 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, Vice President Roger Anderson, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Gerald Olsonawski, Bruce Anderson, and Scott Klein. Manager Mark Langehaug was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, and Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering).

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski.

Administrator Money reviewed with the Board the statutory requirements and timeline for revising their watershed management plan. The Board then discussed the process of updating the TRWD's Watershed Management Plan and the necessary steps to take. Money discussed the current plan and its goals for flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancements. Discussion was held regarding goals that are still valid, goals that should be revised, and goals that should be added or deleted.

There are numerous smaller subwatersheds that make up the overall area within the Two Rivers Watershed District. Each of these were discussed separately because each one has water management issues that are unique only to the specific subwatershed. There are also many common issues across all subwatersheds, and these were also pointed out.

Subwatershed Issues: Maps of each subwatershed have been prepared and the list of background information from the prior plan was discussed.

After discussion of each area, the Board discussed 1) the problems and the nature of the problems, 2) how severe / what rank should each problem be categorized, 3) how wide spread the problem is, and 4) what are the possible solutions to address the problem. Issues were categorized into whether they were related to flood damage reduction or natural resources enhancement.

This was discussed for State Ditch 95, Badger and Skunk Creeks, State Ditch 91, State Ditch 90, North Branch Two Rivers, Middle Branch Two Rivers, South Branch Two Rivers, Main Stem Two Rivers, Little Joe River, Unnamed Coulee, Judicial Ditch 10, and areas draining Direct to Red River. A discussion of the overall area of the entire district was also held.

Some common, ongoing issues that should potentially be addressed in the revised watershed plan include but are not limited to:

- regular maintenance of ditches and projects
- blockage of drainage systems by beavers and beaver dams
- blockage of systems by log jams, cattails, and vegetation
- flooding of agricultural lands to the level of a 10 year runoff event
- flooding of other areas at the 25 year, 50 year and 100 year runoff events.

- natural resources issues including water quality, riparian habitat, erosion control, and other issues.

Some long-term actions that can potentially be addressed by the updated revised watershed plan include:

- update the District's existing culvert inventory by subwatershed
- in areas that don't have an adequate outlet, investigate feasibility of impoundments, culvert sizing, set back levees or best management practices.
- analyze frequently flooded areas by creating a ten year floodplain map in designated areas like SD 91, Unnamed Coulee, and JD 10.
- analyze TRWD ditches and projects for side water inlet upgrades and to determine if they have ten year flood capacity
- analyze specific ditches for upstream storage, accelerated culvert sizing, or wetland/off channel projects
- establish a project team for each subwatershed. Some subwatersheds do not need as much attention but focus needs to be directed especially towards SD91/SD90, and Unnamed/JD10/Lake Bronson to formulate a well-defined list of problem statements and identify a range of alternatives to help solve the problems.

Money will use the discussion and information provided to write and complete a draft version of the updated overall plan. This will be presented to the Board once it is completed for review and approval in order to present it to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and to hold the required comment period and hearing.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned.

Daryl Klegstad, Secretary

Attest:

Rick Sikorski, President