

**These are DRAFT minutes, subject to amendment before final approval by
the Pembina County Water Resource District**

April 14, 2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT OFFICE, CAVALIER ND

Those present were Managers William Gunderson, Randall Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary. Attorney Robert Fleming also present. A motion was made by William Gunderson, seconded by Ted Juhl, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026.

The public comment period was held at 8:15 am. No public comments were received.

Kendall Gemmil reported that he had closed Wieler and Goeschke Dams. Herzog is still open. The level at Renwick is staying relatively level.

Randall Emanuelson discussed options for moving water across the interstate at Drain 55.

Adam Olson met with the board regarding spraying by drone. He is currently working for Walsh and Cavalier WRD. He proposed \$1250 a dam with addition \$300 if agronomist duties are required. This does not include chemical cost. The board has already contracted for the 2026 season. Discussion was also held on spraying on the drains. Olson will provide an estimate for spraying drains.

Mike Ferrie and Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering provided updates to the board on projects.

- ND DOT crossings – the board discussed a desire to maintain the current grade and requests that the crossing be set at grade considering the ND DOT acceptable tolerances
- Drain 64 – Ferrie discussed the crossing permits that are needed for the NDDOT. A motion was made by Ted Juhl, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to authorize LuAnn Kemp, Secretary to sign the necessary ND DOT permits for Drain 64 crossings.
- Drain 67A – conditions are not favorable for finishing the culvert inventory; water levels and snow/ice need to be lower
- Drain 4 – plans are on-track for review in late April 2026; a permit may be needed, current estimate is around \$227,000.

The Drain 5 Assessment hearing was held at the time and place provided in the notice of hearing. Those in attendance included: Curtis Christenson, Lyndon Juhl, Brooks Stellon, Kendall Gemmill, Alan Bigwood, Rick Bigwood, Greg Andreen, and Attorney Ross Nillson. Landowners were given the opportunity to request parcel assessments to be reviewed. The following parcel assessments will be reviewed by Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering and the Pembina County WRD.

- Parcel 13-167000 – Mary McDonald and Kevin Reilly – represented by Attorney Ross Nillson; currently in WRP until 2030 and PLOTS until 2031, request drainage benefit, proximity and marginal cost increase to be reviewed; requesting reduction
- Parcel 13-0270000 and 13-1880000 – J Neil and Joyce Hanson Revocable Trust – represented by Attorney Ross Nillson; water access is through the current drain and will not access the drain extension; requesting reduction
- Parcel 13-1740000 – Greg Andreen – Currently in WRP until 2034, salinity modifier on property, request the 62 acres in WRP be removed from assessment

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- Parcel 13-0260010 – Brooks Stellan – water on parcel drains to NE and does not access drain; requests removal from assessment
- Parcel 13-0280000 and 13-0290000 – Ted and Lyndon Juhl, part of the parcel drains directly to the river; requests removal of acres that drain to the river versus the drain based on LIDAR maps.

Curt Christenson and Allan/Rick Bigwood discussed the potential of adding property to the drain assessments. Herrmann will review the design to ensure hydraulic capacity once the Petition to Add to the Drain assessments are received. Discussion on timing of the assessment to ensure any added parcels are assessed similarly to the current assessment parcels.

The hearing ended at 10:20 am

Herrmann discussed the recent update regarding using any Chinese drones on federally funded projects – this may include the dams as well as FEMA projects.

Discussion was held on board policy to open and close the dams only by motion of the board unless in time of emergency. A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by William Gunderson, by vote unanimously carried to ratify Manager Kemp’s direction to have Wieler and Goeschke dams closed over the weekend.

Attest:

LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Randall Emanuelson, Acting Chairman