

February 11, 2025
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK RIVER JOINT
WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
Cavalier, NORTH DAKOTA.

The Park River Joint Board met on January 14, 2025 in the Pembina County Water Resource District Office. Those present included: Larry Tanke, Richard Kendall, Randall Emanuelson and Ted Juhl (virtual). Also present: LuAnn Kemp and Sarah Johnston.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 and the treasurer's report as presented.

Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering arrived at this time to present on a possible retention project in Section 24 of Thingvalla township. Darin Olafson, Roger Olafson, Lindsay Fingarson also present. The area was part of the original study prior to federal funding. Herrman viewed the retention potential for the site based on various alignments. Mr. Fingarson indicated that he has placed his land in a life estate and currently grows sugar beets on the land in question. D. Olafson discussed options for including irrigation benefits as part of the retention project as well as using embankment from on-site. Discussion followed on the costs for land acquisitions as well as the next potential steps. Manager Tanke discussed a need for firm commitment from landowners prior to moving forward with any project. Options for proposing the site as a pilot project were also discussed.

After much discussion on the cost of the previous study and issues with land acquisitions, a motion was made by Larry Tanke, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to proceed with Phase 1 – Initial Review and Phase 2 – Conceptual Review and apply for cost-share from the ND DWR and RRJB for the first two phases. It was agreed upon that meeting will be held at the conclusion of Phase 1 to determine interest in continuing prior to Phase 2 beginning.

Attest: _____
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Larry Tanke Acting Chairman