

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
August 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on August 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Board members Mike Tweed, Monty Schaefer, Brady Richter and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the jury room of the Eddy County Courthouse.

The minutes of the regular July 7, 2026 meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Schaefer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Various correspondence was reviewed. No further action required.

Old Business:

Columbia Township Coulee Cleanout: After the July 7th meeting, Schaefer spoke to Isaac Rost, P.E., Interstate Engineering. Rost mentioned a USACE Section 404 Permit. Rost contacted Jeremy Nygaard at USACE. It is unclear whether a Section 404 Permit is required. In an abundance of caution, Schaefer moved to have Eddy County Water Resource District proceed with obtaining a USACE Section 404 Permit for the six miles (approximate) in Columbia Township that is subject to the proposed cattail maintenance and cleanout of blowout sediment downstream of the seven culverts identified in Brian Schmelfinig's August 2, 2025 site inspection. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Schaefer also indicated that he spoke to Jeff Topp about cleanout of blowout sediment downstream of the seven culverts. Topp indicated that he will act as the liaison to ensure that adjacent landowners are agreeable to said cleanout.

With Topp's assurance that he will act as the liaison regarding cleanout of blowout sediment, Schaefer moved that the water board will provide 80% cost share funding for cleanout of blowout sediment downstream of the seven culverts identified in Brian Schmelfinig's August 2, 2025 site inspection. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that the board and staff are working on operational/administrative matters (i.e. updating Bylaws and other organizational documents). Further, work on the bank stabilization project continues.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the July 8, 2026, meeting. Agency reports were given. Tweed reported that the NDDWR denied the Fenster Slough Emergency Drain Permit Application. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed reported on the regular quarterly meeting held July 16 and 17. Among other business, the board toured the Red River Valley Supply Pipeline project.

New Business:

Hendrickson Subsurface Drain Application: Peterson informed the board that on July 23, 2026 he received from GRO, on behalf of Jay Hendrickson, an Application to Install Subsurface Water Management System. To date, that application remains incomplete. Peterson has communicated a number of times with Hendrickson. As of 8:11am this morning, Hendrickson is aware that the application remains incomplete. Hendrickson indicates GRO will be providing the additional necessary information.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the jury room on the second floor of the Eddy County Courthouse.

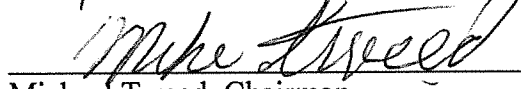
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Michael Tweed, Chairman