

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
February 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on February 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Monty Schaefer and Mike Tweed; and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Also present were Eddy County landowner and resident Brady Ritcher, and Isaac Rost, P.E., of Interstate Engineering.

The minutes of the regular January 6, 2026 meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

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

Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board dues	\$2,418.78
Insure Forward/NDIRF (2026)	\$ 606.00

Seconded by Tweed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise stated in these minutes no action required.

Old Business:

Columbia Township Coulee Cleanout: Isaac Rost, P.E., of Interstate Engineering was present to discuss the information gathered relative to this project. After discussion, Schaefer made a motion to have Interstate Engineering proceed with solicitations to interested agencies and parties (Townships, Counties, NDDWR, USACE, etc). Seconded by Tweed. Motion carried.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that he traveled to Bismarck last week to participate in a submission of a \$360,000 grant request to NDDEQ regarding the Austin Langley and Alan Howard projects.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the January 14, 2026 meeting. DLBJWRB decided that there will be no 2026 Devils Lake Basin Tour. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the quarterly meeting held in Carrington on January 8th/9th.

Board vacancy: Brady Richter was present and expressed his willingness to serve on the Eddy County Water Resource Board. Peterson will forward his name to the Eddy County Auditor so that consideration of Richter's appointment can be considered at the next Eddy County Commission meeting.

New Business:

Engineering Services: Schaefer made a motion to engage Interstate Engineering according to the terms of the proposed Agreement for Engineering Services. Seconded by Tweed. Motion carried.

Meeting Location: At the request of Eddy County representatives, future Water Board meetings will be held in the jury room on the second floor of the Eddy County Courthouse. This will be effective beginning with the March 2026 meeting.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the jury room on the second floor of the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Michael Tweed, Chairman