

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
October 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on October 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Monty Schaefer, Kenneth Reis, Mike Tweed and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County Landowners Jeff Topp and Pete Lies were present.

The minutes of the regular September 2, 2025 meeting were presented. Reis made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. 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. Except as otherwise stated in these minutes no action required.

Old Business:

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025 in Carrington.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the September 10, 2025 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025 at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the September 25, 2025 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled during the Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention (December 9-11) in Bismarck, ND.

Columbia Township Coulee Cleanout: Peterson reported he received a cost share application from Wade Wipperling. Jeff Topp reports that cost share applications should be coming from Ryan Topp and Jason Otto. It is unknown whether Paul Topp will submit a cost share application. Due to water levels/water table, Jeff Topp thinks it unlikely that any work will happen this fall. Nevertheless, Topp would like applications that have been submitted approved so that the contractor can proceed with work if conditions permit. Because the Ryan Topp and Jason Otto applications are outstanding, the Board tabled the matter until the November meeting.

Roger Langley/County Road #4: Peterson updated the Board on recent communications with Langley and the Eddy County States Attorney. Since the last Eddy County Water Board meeting, Langley requested from Peterson a copy of the any drain permit issued to Eddy County. Langley's request implied that Eddy County is draining a wetland. Peterson informed Langley that he is not aware that the water board issued any such drain permit. Peterson referred Langley to the County or NDDWR. Peterson is aware that Langley retained attorney Bruce Gibbens. Gibbens mailed the County a letter seeking resolution of Langley's issue. Gibben's letter was accompanied by a drainage report, prepared by Daniel V. Fischer, P.E., concerning the NE1/4 of Section 15, Township 149, Range 65. That letter and report was reviewed by Darin Peterka, P.E., of Interstate Engineering, Inc., at the request of Eddy County. It appears that all culverts satisfy the stream crossing standards. The culverts in

question appear to be located in either a county road or right of way. As a result, any action taken with regard to these culverts is at the authority and discretion of Eddy County.

Rosefield Dam/Monty Schaefer: Schaefer informed the board that he has been working to complete the permitted work. The work should be done by December 31, 2025. Upon completion he will provide final reports to NDDWR and US Army Corp of Engineers.

New Business:

Peter Lies: Peter Lies was present to discuss the NR Canal. Lies provided the board with various documents. Lies' presentation focused on his desire to re-acquire the NR Canal property located in Section 15, 16 and 17 in Munster Township that was his prior to the construction of the canal. Tweed informed Lies that, at present, any such property transfers are beyond the control of the Eddy County Water Board. Lies thanked the board and explained that it was his intent to make his desire known.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Kenneth Reis, Chairman