MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
September 1, 2026

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on September 1, 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 August 4, 2026 meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Richter. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of August 17, 2026 meeting were presented. Richter made a motion to approve. Seconded by Schaefer. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business:

Columbia Township Coulee Cleanout: Schaefer reported that Isaac Rost, PE, Interstate Engineering, made a number of contacts and inquiries regarding the USACE Section 404 permit. Rost learned and reported to Schaefer that the 404 permit is not required as long as USFWS conditions and requirements are satisfied.

Schaefer made a motion to approve the following cost share applications related to this project:

1. Jeff Topp/Topp Land and Cattle/Topp Family Farms, LLLP, dated August 13, 2025.
2. Nate Collier, dated August 25, 2025.
3. Kathy & Larry Erickson, dated August 25, 2025.
4. Larry & Kathy Erickson, dated August 25, 2025.
5. Wade Wipperling, dated September 6, 2025.
6. Ryan Topp/ND Trust Lands, dated October 20, 2025.
7. Jason Otto, dated November 4, 2025.

The cost share shall be subject to any and all conditions and requirements imposed by USFWS and/or USDA/NRCS, and further subject to any and all conditions and requirements set forth on the Eddy County Water Resource District cost share application. It is the obligation of applicant/landowner to secure all necessary authorizations or permits from any and all interested agencies; and copies of such authorizations and/or permits shall be provided to the Eddy County Water Resource District. Richter seconded the motion. After discussion, motion carried.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer had nothing new to report. The board continues to work on pilot projects and operational/administrative matters. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026 at 9am in Carrington at the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the August 12, 2026 meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed reported that there is an executive board meeting scheduled on September 3, 2026 at which time the executive board will begin preparing for the next regular meeting of the full board. Tweed reported that it has been a good, productive summer for the Red River Valley Pipeline project. The intent is to complete approximately 13 miles of pipeline.

New Business:

Monty Schaefer notified the board that he is working with Isaac Rost, PE, Interstate Engineering and NDDWR to replace a cattle crossing with a bridge. The location is downstream of the Rosefield Dam/Spillway and west of Schaefer's driveway, in Eddy County Township 148 N, Range 67 W, Section 28: SW1/4.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 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 10:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Michael Tweed, Chairman