

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
June 3, 2025

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on June 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenny Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. The following Eddy County Landowners were also present: Jeff Topp, Nate Collier, Kathy Erickson, Jessica Carlson, Paul Topp, Greg W. Hegland, and Glen Walz. Also present were Joshua Bruggman, NRCS/USDA District Conservationist; and Kip Kovar, Ryan Anderson, Dale Esser and Carter Schmitz from Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

The minutes of the regular May 6, 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.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Kennenth Reis – meeting and mileage stipend – January – June	\$ 500.00
Michael Tweed – meeting and mileage stipend – January – June	\$1,366.20
Peterson Law Offices – legal & professional – December – May	\$3,110.00
ND Water Resource District Association – Summer Water Meeting	\$ 135.00

Schaefer made a motion to pay the bills presented. Seconded by Reis. 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: No report.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: No report.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: No report.

Columbia Township Coulee Cleanout: A number of interested parties were present. Jeff Topp presented a copy of a scope of services agreement with Apex Engineering. That scope of services agreement indicates an estimated fee not to exceed \$3,300. Topp accepted and signed the agreement on May 6, 2025. Topp also presented the culvert elevation maps prepared by Apex Engineering as a result of the scope of services agreement. Culvert elevations were reviewed and discussed. The scope of any cleanout project and concerns related thereto were also discussed. Topp indicated that he and Nate Collier met with US Fish and Wildlife Services to better understand the scope of work permitted. According to Topp and Collier, USF&W supports efforts to eradicate cattails preferably by spraying and/or burning. USF&W is also agreeable to clearing deltas that impede flow. Topp also reported that, in July, Brian Schmilifenig intends to make a site visit to evaluate the scope of work required in

order to prepare cost estimates/proposals for each of the landowners adjacent to the coulee. No action by the water board is required at this time.

New Rockford Canal: Representatives of Garrison Diversion Conservancy District attended the meeting. They reminded attendees that the US Bureau of Reclamation owns the New Rockford Canal; and GDCD maintains and operates the New Rockford Canal. The New Rockford Canal is approximately 42 miles long, has three control gates, and has multiple outlets. The US Bureau of Reclamation wants to divest itself of ownership and transfer ownership of the canal to some other entity. Questions to consider: 1) is there another appropriate use for the New Rockford Canal; and 2) is there an appropriate entity that is willing to own the New Rockford Canal?

New Business:

Greg Hegland: Greg Hegland was present to discuss beaver/beaver dam problem west of Sheyenne and north of Eddy County #1. Hegland indicated that he spoke with the Eddy County Road Superintendent about this matter because the dammed water/changed water flow is jeopardizing the county road. The road superintendent declined entering upon private property to address the problem. It was estimated that approximately one quarter mile of channel may require cleanout. Eradication of beavers is also necessary. Hegland stated that Ryan Hager is doing other work currently for Hegland. The water board suggested that Hegland get a cost estimate from Hager and that this matter could be evaluated for 80/20 cost share eligibility. Cody Krause, the USDA trapper, might also be contacted.

Glenn Walz: Glenn Walz was present to discuss cattail and waterflow problems in the N1/2 of Section 14, Rosefield Township. Walz stated that it seems some kind of work should be done (channel cleanout, spraying, etc.). Board member Schaefer discussed the 80/20 cost share program. There was discussion about channel and culvert elevations. The area in question is part of the north branch of the Rocky Run. Walz and Schaefer recalled that there should be culvert and elevation information in water board files. Peterson will search for those records and share with Walz and Schaefer if located.

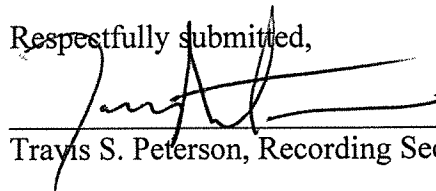
Summer Convention and Water Tour: Tweed indicated that he intends to attend the 2025 Joint Summer Water Meeting held July 9-10 at Spirit Lake Casino & Resort, Devils Lake ND. Reis made a motion to pay Tweed's registration. Seconded by Schaefer. Motion carried.

Bank Forward Checking Account: Peterson explained that John Hovey is still an authorized signer on the water board checking account; and that Bank Forward wants the water board to open a new account as a result of Peterson's 2024 cyber breach. Tweed made the following motion: 1) remove John D. Hovey from all existing and new water board bank account; 2) open a new water board checking account to replace the current water board checking account; and 3) establish Kenneth Reis and Travis Peterson as authorized signers on the new water board checking account. Seconded by Schaefer. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman