

**MCHENRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Present: Dave Ashley, David Olson, David P. Haman, Terry Krumwiede, Murray Pfau, Lorinda Haman.

Chairman Ashley called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the McHenry County Weed Board Office in Towner.

D. Haman/Pfau moved to approve the agenda as amended adding Buffalo Lodge Gate as Item B under Unfinished Business. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 21 2025, meeting were approved with the December meeting date changed to December 9th, as per motion by Pfau/Olson, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Financial Statements for October and December were reviewed and approved as moved by Krumwiede/Olson. Motion carried.

Bills to approve: Director Vouchers, Secretary Payroll Voucher, PO Box Rent of \$78 and a request for approval to purchase copy paper and binders for minutes and finance records estimated at approximately \$50 were approved on a motion by Pfau/D. Haman. Roll call vote: all voting in favor, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ashley shared information from the NDWRSA State Convention in Bismarck, Dec. 9-12th. Topics highlighted included the presentation on HR Best Practices for Water Resource Districts, Dam Safety Requirements - Permitting Process – Dam Inspections. Attendance was low due to weather conditions.

Buffalo Lodge Lake Spillway Sluice Gate Install: Ashley presented a proposal to install the new sluice gate at the spillway for Buffalo Lodge Lake near Granville. After review and discussion, Pfau/Haman moved to approve the proposal estimated between \$18,000 - \$21,000. Roll call vote taken: all members voting aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voltaire Township submitted two applications for payment for culvert installation. After review, D. Haman/Olson moved to pay cost share of \$4804 for the work completed. Roll call vote – all members voting aye, motion carried.

The 2026 draft work plan was reviewed. D. Haman/Krumwiede moved to approve the Work Plan. Motion carried.

The 2026 Meeting Schedule is set as follows: February 10th, April 14th, June 9th, August 11th, October 13th, and December 8th.

Township Financial Assistance Program was discussed. \$6000.78 remains of the original \$100,000 committed to the program. D. Haman/Krumwiede moved to commit \$50,000 for 2026. Roll call vote taken: all members voting aye, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Ashley reported that the Rural projects remain as the priority project for the Souris River Joint Board during this biennium. He informed the members of the ongoing approval problems at the state level with the Trapped Water Program. The SRJB continues to work with the City of Minot officials to promote flood control projects.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 8 AM in Towner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business Ashley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Haman

Lorinda Haman, Secretary