

**MCHENRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025**

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

Chair 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 presented. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were approved per motion by Pfau/D. Haman, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Financial Statements for April and May were reviewed and approved as moved by Krumweide/Olson. Motion carried.

Bills to approve: Director vouchers for Ashley and Haman and salary voucher for L. Haman were submitted and approved on a motion by Pfau/Olson and carried.

Pfau/Krumwiede moved to approve payment for a new phone for Ashley. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The installation of a culvert between Sections 19 and 20 of Lake Hester Township has been completed. Ashley and Olson made an onsite visit to verify the need and work completed.

Ashley reported that the Velva Dike Breach will be turned over to their attorney to proceed with correction work to be completed by North Prairie Regional Water.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ND Water Resource Districts Association Summer Water Meeting will be held at Spirit Lake Casino in Devils Lake July 9-10.

Paperwork on the Conditional Permit 7021 will be completed and submitted by Ashley.

Township Assistance: Schiller Township submitted two applications: Section 21/22 estimated at \$1968.71 and Section 27/28 estimated at \$1553.98. Krumwiede/Pfau moved to accept the applications.

Strege Township has completed their work but has not turned in an invoice for payment.

Berwick Township is working on installing a 50 foot culvert to complete their open application.

Velva Township submitted an application for culvert installation in two locations in Velva Township: 42nd St North estimated at \$4500 and Valley Road estimated at \$9000.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Ashley reported on Legislative activities he participated in this past session. Local representatives are not participating or express negative attitudes towards local area needs regarding flood protection and water projects.

Completing rural work is very challenging as far as getting financial assistance. The Souris River Joint Board will continue to pursue avenues to secure funds.

Funding for the Trapped Water Program has stalled. Ackerman and Ashley met with State Engineer and DWR Director to discuss the situation. Need to find funds from the State Water Commission or other entities.

Contractors for bridge installation are difficult to find. The Velva Bridge Project has been awarded to a contractor and will continue.

Pfau: Two beaver dams were removed with his equipment in Little Deep and Deep River Creeks. He will submit applications for financial assistance.

Discussion was held on the Eaton Irrigation Dam issue.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 8 AM in Towner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

L. Haman reported that WRD staff training will be offered on July 21st covering open meeting and open record requirements for water resource districts.

Ashley presented Lorinda Haman with a Certificate of Recognition for 25 years of service to the Board.

There being no further business Haman/Pfau moved to declare the meeting adjourned at 9 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Haman, Secretary