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Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale, ND at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Managers Steve Hansen, Keith Hauck, and Justin Gemar were all present at the meeting. Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, and Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering Representative, joined via video conference. Manager Quandt and Zimbleman were both absent from the meeting.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

Election of Officers

Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, opened up the election of officers by asking for nominations for Chairman. Upon some discussion as to whether sitting Chairman Hansen would be willing to continue as Chairman, due to his new appointment onto the ND State Water Commission, it was concluded it would not be a Conflict of Interest and he would be willing to continue as Chairman. Manager Hauck nominated Manager Hansen as Chairman. After no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Upon roll call, Manager Hansen was elected as Chairman unanimously.

Chairman Hansen asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Manager Gemar nominated Manager Hauck for Vice Chairman. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Upon roll call, Manager Hauck was elected Vice Chairman unanimously.

Managers Hansen, Quandt and Gemar are the Dickey Water Resource Districts appointees to the Dickey/Sargent Joint Water Board. Managers Hauck and Zimbleman are alternates. Manager Hauck moved to keep the positions the same for the board. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hansen is the appointee from the Dickey County Water Resource District to the ND Water Users legislative committee. After some discussion and clarification from Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, it was decided that Chairman Hansen should be reappointed as the representative. Manager Hauck moved to reappoint Manager Hansen as the Dickey County Water Resource Districts representative to the committee. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Manager Hauck moved to appoint Judy Hansen as the secretary/treasurer. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney/Engineer rate increases

After little discussion and high praise for the work that Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney and Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering representative do for the Dickey County Water Resource District, Manager Gemar moved to approve the rate increases for both and to re-appoint Mr. Fredricks as the Board's attorney and Mr. Trosen as the Board's engineer for 2026. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Culvert Cost-Share Resolution

Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, drafted a RESOLUTION OF POLICY REGARDING CULVERT COST-SHARE for the Dickey County Water Resource District's consideration regarding the Board's willingness to consider providing cost-share for Township culverts of 36" or larger. The county commissioners reviewed the Resolution at their meeting last week and approved the County's one-third cost-share commitment for culverts, as identified in the draft Resolution. Now that the County has approved that concept, the Board was willing to consider and approve the draft Resolution. Manager Gemar moved to approve the RESOLUTION OF POLICY REGARDING CULVERT COST-SHARE. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Sean Fredricks informed the board that a manager training opportunity will be available on January 26 if anyone is interested. He will send out a reminder to the board prior to that training in the next week.

Meeting Minutes

Manager Hauck moved to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report and Bills

The board considered bills from Ohnstad Twichell of \$2485.50 and Dakota Improvement of \$40.67. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Gemar moved to approve the financial statement and bills. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Steve Hansen, Chairman

Attest:

Judy Hansen, Secretary