

**GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
February 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Doug Mohr at the Greater Ramsey Water District office. Members were welcomed to the meeting. Mohr stated a quorum of the members was present to hold the annual meeting and conduct business matters of Greater Ramsey Water District as provided in the bylaws.

Directors present were Paul Becker, Gilbert Black, Dave Hovendick, Allen Johnson, Doug Mohr, Missy Abrahamson and Kale Miller. GRWD staff present were – Lonnie Lacina, Sally Herda, Krista Wold, RJ Durbin, Brandon Walski and Kevin Engel. Also present was Brian Aafedt from AE<sub>2</sub>S. Twenty-two people were in attendance representing 22 registered memberships.

- **Proof of Notice of Meeting** – Manager Lacina reported the meeting notice was mailed to all members and was published in the nine county newspapers served by the District.
- **Readings and action on any unapproved minutes** – Minutes from the 2024 annual meeting held February 6, 2024 were handed to members during registration. Motion was made by Joe Kostecki, seconded by Missy Abrahamson to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes. All members voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Introductions** – The board of directors introduced themselves to the members in attendance. Lacina introduced himself, engineer Brian Aafedt from AE<sub>2</sub>S and GRWD staff.
- **Reports of Officers and Committees**
  - Manager’s Report – Lacina presented a slide show highlighting the District’s operations during 2024. Highlights included the North System Improvement project of \$12,878,931 being nearly completed with work done to update the water treatment plant and additional storage at a new booster station location. Project funding includes a 75% grant through the State Water Commission with the local share being self-funded. The District also began accepting memberships for a new user expansion, with a 75% SWC grant and the possibility of EPA funding. Cost of the expansion is estimated to be \$10.5 million. Funding package is yet to be determined. Day-to-day operations of the system were reviewed for both the water and sewer systems.
  - Office Manager’s report – Financial information of the district was handed out to the members and the 2024 operation of the District was reviewed. A copy of the 2025 budget was also provided to the members. Motion by Missy Abrahamson, seconded by David Hovendick to approve the 2024 financial report. All members voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Election of Directors** - President Mohr stated two director positions were open this year – one from Ward 1 and one from Ward 2. Director Gilbert Black from Ward 1 is seeking another term on the board and no other nominations were received. Director Doug Mohr is also seeking another term on the board from Ward 2 and is running unopposed. Both candidates spoke on their involvement in leading the District. Motion was made by Joe Kostecki and seconded by Kale Miller to cast a unanimous ballot. **Motion carried**.
- **Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business needed to be addressed.
- **New Business** – Proposed amendments to the by-laws were handed out to the membership during registration. The notice to amend the by-laws was provided in the annual meeting notice that was sent to the membership. Highlights of the amendments include updated voting process to allow in-person voting at the office beginning one week ahead of the election, tie-breaking process, voting at large for the nominees and verbiage to remove outdated language. Motion by

Paul Becker, seconded by Kale Miller to approve the amendment to the bylaws. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Lacina reported that the water sample he had taken to the Rural Water Expo scored in the top 3 for the taste test and that the scores were all one point apart.

Drawings were held for the door prizes. Account credit winners were \$150 – Veronica Sailor; \$100 – Pat Nelson and \$50 – Joe Kostecki. Door prizes were also provided by AE<sub>2</sub>S, the District's engineering firm.

President Mohr announced the new board would be meeting directly following the annual meeting to reorganize and elect the president, vice president and secretary-treasurer for the coming year. Members were thanked for taking time to attend the meeting.

The annual meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 3, 2026

Doug Mohr, President (signed by Allen Johnson, 2025 President)

Sally Herda, Secretary-Treasurer (signed by Krista Wold)