

# GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

February 5, 2026

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Paul Becker, Gilbert Black, David Hovendick, Allen Johnson, Kale Miller, Missy Abrahamson (electronically)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lonnie Lacina, Sally Herda, Krista Wold - GRWD; Brian Aafedt – AE<sub>2</sub>S, Tanner Sotvik, Lucas Aufenkamp – Lakewood Bible Camp

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Vice President Miller at the District office.

Minutes from the January 8, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Black, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Minutes from the February 3, 2026 reorganizational meeting were reviewed. Motion by Becker, seconded by Hovendick to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

**Board vacancy appointment** – Due to Doug Mohr’s retirement off the board in January, a vacancy was opened to appoint a successor until the 2027 annual meeting. Tanner Sotvik had indicated interest in serving as director. A nomination was made by Johnson to appoint Sotvik as successor. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Black to appoint Tanner Sotvik to fill the next year of Mohr’s term. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

## **Manager report**

- **Lakewood Bible Camp – reduction request** – Lucas Aufenkamp from Lakewood Bible Camp was present to request a bill reduction on past sewer fees for two septic tanks that were installed and put into service in June 2023. Due to oversight, GRWD was not notified of the sewer additions, resulting in an unbilled balance of \$7,750. Motion by Becker, seconded by Johnson to reduce the back-billed amount to \$6,000—a \$1,750 reduction. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Devils Lake Rural Fire Department Sponsorship** – Discussion was had regarding a request from the Devils Lake Rural Fire Department for a donation towards the cost of equipment and rescue training that is taking place in March. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hovendick to approve a \$1,000 donation to be used towards the training expense for the Devils Lake Rural Fire Department. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Terracon contract** – The Terracon contract for soil boring testing was reviewed. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Black to approve the \$11,975 Terracon contract. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **AE<sub>2</sub>S SCADA contract** – A discrepancy was found in the SCADA contract that was presented at the January board meeting. AE<sub>2</sub>S stated they will be looking into the phrasing in the contract, with more discussion to follow.
- **North system capacity improvement project**
  - **AE<sub>2</sub>S project update** – Still waiting on O&M manuals to finalize the American General contract and move into the warranty phase.

WTP generator expansion – The SWC precommission meeting in January went well. AE<sub>2</sub>S is optimistic that the change order for the reallocation of funds for the generator will pass at the February 12 SWC meeting.

AE2S presented an invoice for the remaining generator design and funding request support.

No pay applications were presented for approval.

- **User expansion project**

- **AE2S project update** – Construction is on hold until spring thaw. AE2S presented an invoice for the remaining lodging expenses for the project inspector, as well as year-end support.

Invoices – Motion by Black, seconded by Johnson to approve project invoices: AE2S (\$34,360.80) and miscellaneous recorder expenses (\$270.00), for a total of \$34,630.80. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

Future planning – South System Phase II Expansion – AE2S presented Task Order #7 for \$710,000 for the project design. System modeling and easement work to start this month, with the bulk of the design to begin late this year. Motion by Black, seconded by Hovendick to approve Task Order #7. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

### Office manager report

- **Accounts Payable** – Motion by Becker, seconded by Johnson to authorize payment of the January bills. **All directors voted aye and motion carried.**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,841,344.22</b>	<b>11,476.76</b>

- **Financial report – December 2025** – Final December financial report was reviewed, reflecting amendments approved at the January meeting. Motion by Becker, seconded by Abrahamson to approve the final December financial report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Financial report – January 2026** - January financial report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Black to approve the financial report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**. Project reports for the current projects were reviewed.
- **Designation of depositories** – Motion by Becker, seconded by Johnson to renew the current depositories.
- **Authorized check signers** – Listing from 2025 was reviewed. Motion by Black, seconded by Hovendick to remove Doug Mohr, add Tanner Sotvik and Krista Wold, and renew the remaining directors and Herda as authorized check signers for the District. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

### Membership termination

- **Larry Weninger – 328 Highway 281 NE, Carrington** – service not needed  
Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Sotvik to approve membership termination and **approved unanimously**.
- **Evelyn Jackson – 216 Kelly Ave S, Crary** - nonpayment  
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Becker to approve membership termination and **approved unanimously**.

Next regular board meeting will be held March 5, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:32 am.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ March 5, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

Kale Miller, Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed by Sally Herda) \_\_\_\_\_

Krista Wold, Customer Service Rep \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_