GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2026

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Paul Becker, Gilbert Black, David Hovendick, Allen Johnson, Doug Mohr, Kale Miller
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Missy Abrahamson
OTHERS PRESENT: Lonnie Lacina, Sally Herda, Krista Wold - GRWD; Brian Aafedt – AE_2S

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 a.m. by President Johnson at the District office.

Minutes from the December 4, 2025 regular meeting and the December 16, 2025 special meeting were reviewed. Motion by Black, seconded by Becker to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Manager report

- **EXPO –** February 10-12, 2026 – GRWD manager Lacina, and directors Johnson and Miller confirmed they planned to attend the conference.
- **Wallys Roadhouse –** A reactivation of service was requested by Wally Johnson. The directors agreed on the recommendation to provide service once specific terms had been met: all prior past due bills must be paid in full, a $1,500 membership reactivation fee paid, a $1,000 deposit must be collected, and a new service line put in.
- **Budget–** The final budget for 2026 was reviewed. Wages were discussed and a COLA of 2.8% plus an additional 4% was proposed. Motion by Becker, seconded by Hovendick to approve the proposed wage update. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.** Motion by Mohr, seconded by Hovendick to approve final budget. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Skidsteer –** The go-ahead was given to purchase a new skidsteer.
- **Western State Bank Event Center -** Discussion on the new services at the Western State Bank Event Center was held, proposing transferring the current membership to one master account. This discussion will be taken up again at the next meeting.
- **North system capacity improvement project**
  - **AE_2S project update –** Still waiting on O&M manuals to close out the American General contract and move into the warranty phase.

    WTP generator expansion – Quote from John's Refrigeration is approximately $600,000, to be finalized in February. Funding request is on the agendas for the January and February precommission and commission meetings. AE_2S is optimistic the change order for the reallocation of funds for the generator will pass.

    No pay applications were presented for approval.

    No changes or updates on the budget and contingency for the project.

- **User expansion project**
  - **AE_2S project update** – Construction is on hold until spring. December wind-down work still to be billed out.

    Pay application #8 - $1,725,325.72 for Karas Construction was presented for approval, with payout requested in January.

Invoices – Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Black to approve project invoices: AE_2S ($35,698.20), Ramsey County Recorder #6 ($120.00) and Karas Construction #8 ($1,725,325.72) for a total of $1,761,143.92. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Future planning – South system – The preconstruction application of $735,000 for the South System Phase II Expansion, which includes design and bidding engineering for pipeline and south pump station/reservoir facility, was approved at the SWC meeting on December 16.

The Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement for the South System Phase II Expansion was received from the state, providing cost-share to reimburse 75% of the actual eligible costs incurred, not to exceed $551,250. Motion by Becker, seconded by Black to approve the cost share agreement. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

AE_2S is planning to move forward with easements and modeling within the next month, with the work beginning late 2026. The process of securing land is in the works but not yet finalized.

- **SCADA** – License and cell contract with AE_2S for the SCADA sites, providing Cloud-based server hosting and supporting cellular data services, was presented. This agreement includes a term of one year, with automatic annual renewal, beginning with a fee of $13,160 for 2026. Motion by Becker, seconded by Mohr to approve the SCADA License and Cell Contract with AE_2S. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Office manager report

- **Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mohr, seconded by Hovendick to authorize payment of the December bills. **All directors voted aye and motion carried.**

	WATER	SEWER
TOTALS	**1,113,930.86**	**13,341.29**

- **Financial report –** December financial report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Miller to approve the financial report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.** Project reports for the current projects were reviewed, along with monthly cash requirements for the local cost share of the projects.
- **2025 Budget Review –** Revenue and expenditures for 2025 were discussed, and budget and proposed amendments were reviewed. Motion by Black, seconded by Miller to approve the 2025 budget amendments as presented. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **CD due 1-13-26 –** Motion by Becker, seconded by Mohr to authorize the President and Herda to renew funds at the highest bid following request for rates from the District's depositories. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Membership termination

- **Tanner Elshaug – 4952 77th Ave NE, DL** – service not needed
- **Jerry Sears – 2201 13th Ave SW, DL** - nonpayment
  Motion to approve the membership terminations was made by Hovendick, seconded by Miller and **approved unanimously**.

Other Business

- **Resignation on Board of Directors –** Doug Mohr announced his retirement from the board effective following the January 2026 meeting. His term runs until 2028, which leaves an opening to appoint a successor until the 2027 annual meeting, at which time the members shall elect a director for the unexpired term.

Annual meeting date is scheduled for February 3, 2026, followed by the reorganizational meeting. Next regular board meeting will be held February 5, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:59 am.

Minutes Approved: _____February 5, 2026_____

Allen Johnson, President _____(signed by Kale Miller)_____

Krista Wold, Customer Service Rep _____(signed)_____