

GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

March 5, 2026

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Paul Becker, Gilbert Black, David Hovendick, Allen Johnson, Tanner Sotvik

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Missy Abrahamson, Kale Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Lonnie Lacina, Sally Herda, Krista Wold - GRWD; Brian Aafedt – AE₂S

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Secretary/Treasurer Herda at the District office.

Minutes from the February 5, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Manager report

- **Bobcat skid steer** – Authorization was given for the purchase of a Bobcat skid steer.
- **Sewer pump truck** – Manager Lacina discussed with the board the repair of the pump on the GRWD sewer pump truck.
- **Tri-County meter** – A discrepancy was discovered between the physical meter readings and the SCADA network-reported readings for Tri-County—low flows were not being recorded, causing less gallons to be reported and billed out. The configuration was recalibrated and reporting reviewed to make sure the numbers are now lining up. A \$3,600 true-up for Tri-County was calculated, and Brian Aafedt with AE₂S stated that Tri-County was also being given the ability to monitor their meter through the SCADA system as well.

Lacina also discussed with the board the discovery and repair of two water leaks within the system, as well as the awarding of 3rd place to GRWD in the water tasting contest held at the Annual Water Expo in February.

- **North system capacity improvement project**
 - **AE₂S project update** – Aafedt reported that they are in the warranty phase of the American General contract and pushing to close that out soon.

WTP generator expansion – Approval was received at the February State Water Commission (SWC) meeting for the reallocation of funds to include the addition of the generator. Change Order #4, \$600,120 to John's Refrigeration, was presented for the generator addition. Motion by Black, seconded by Becker to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$600,120 to John's Refrigeration. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

AE₂S presented an approved agreement from the SWC for the change in the project scope to include the replacement of the existing 150 kW generator with a new 450 kW generator to support increased demands. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hovendick to approve the amended SWC agreement. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

No pay applications were presented for approval. All work from American General Contracting has been completed (\$102,000 retainage). Prior to Change Order #4,

John's Refrigeration was approximately \$5,000 to completion. Budget and contingency funding were also reviewed.

- **User expansion project**
 - **AE₂S project update** – No updates were presented, as construction is on hold until spring thaw, with the contractor hoping for completion by the end of June. Three more people were added to the waitlist, with approval depending on the amount of remaining funding available at that time.
- **South system phase II**
 - **AE₂S project update** – Easements and modeling are in progress, with the bulk of the easements having been sent out mid-February. Modeling results will be added to the mapping system when they are available.

No invoices were presented this month.

- **AE₂S SCADA contract** – AE₂S presented the updated SCADA contract, which was amended to state that the annual cost increase will match AE₂S vendor price increases. Motion by Black, seconded by Hovendick to approve the amended SCADA contract. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **DWR Water Permit Application** – Motion by Becker, seconded by Johnson to approve the submission of the water permit application and the required \$500 application fee to the Department of Water Resources. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

Office manager report

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

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
TOTALS	107,895.39	25,979.67

- **Financial report** – February financial report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Sotvik to approve the financial report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Audit update** – Herda informed the board that the 2025 audit had begun. Becker stated he would be available to interview with the auditors, if requested.

Membership termination

- **Wade Christianson – NE1/4 5-153-66, Minnewaukan** – service not needed. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Black to approve membership termination and **approved unanimously**.

Other business

- Lacina discussed the City of Devils Lake 2026 rate increases with the board.

Next regular board meeting will be held April 9, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:13 am.

Minutes Approved: _____ April 9, 2026

Sally Herda, Secretary/Treasurer (signed by Missy Abrahamson, 2026 President)

Krista Wold, Customer Service Rep _____ (signed)