

Ramsey County Water Resource
Ramsey County Courthouse
524 4th Ave NE Ste. 12
Devils Lake ND 58301
February 3, 2026
Meeting Held at the **Ramsey County Courthouse 8:00 a.m.**

Present: John Martinson, Randy Schemionek, Duaine Ash, & Bryston Berg

Absent: Van Howatt

Others Present: Stacy Peters-Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Bjornson-KLJ Engineering, Mike Grafsgaard-City of Devils Lake, Jim Boehmer-landowner, Brent Newgaard-landowner, Shane Eidness-landowner, Cory Wass-landowner, & Cass Brekhus-landowner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Martinson at 8:00 AM.

Martinson asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Peters requested to add the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource District's yearly water tour. Bryston Berg made a motion to approve the agenda, with the additional agenda item; Randy Schemionek seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

January Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by the water board members. Randy Schemionek motioned to approve the minutes, as presented; Bryston Berg seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

January Financials: The financial reports were reviewed. Duaine Ash motioned to approve the financials, as presented; Bryston Berg seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

January Bills: The bills were reviewed. Duaine Ash motioned to approve the bills, as presented; Randy Schemionek seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Lawton Coulee: Meeting scheduled with Nelson County Water Board on Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 10 AM in Lakota.

Advisory Committee: Cory Wass and Cass Brekhus were in attendance and they had no trouble areas to report. They will inform the office if anything comes up this spring they notice as a concern.

Channel A Fishing Pier: Mike Grafsgaard was in and he informed the water board about talking with Game & Fish about the ability online to post the area outside of the fishing pier area. Schemionek had mentioned that an individual was questioning the area outside of the fishing pier for pheasant hunting. Peters will send an email to Bruce Gibbens regarding the liability of the water board, if they do not post Channel A, according to Century Code 53-08.

NEW BUSINESS:

96th Ave Hydraulic Report: Bryston Berg motioned to use the recommendation by KLJ Engineering in their report; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Proposed Fancher Snag & Clear: Randy Schemioneck motioned to accept the petition, have KLJ Engineering develop the water shed and parcels for the assessment, and get bids for the work; Duaine Ash seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Newbre Township (Parcel Number 26-0000-07209-000): Bryston Berg motioned to remove this parcel from the Newbre Snag & Clear assessment listing as it is a township; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Channel A (Parcel Number 33-0000-08577-030): Duaine Ash motioned to remove this parcel from the Channel A assessment listing, as it is a cemetery; Randy Scheminoek seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Board Member Meeting Compensation: Randy Schemioneck motioned to increase the board's meeting compensation to \$219 from \$185; Bryston Berg seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Western State Bank Pledge Pool: Bryston Berg motioned to approve the Western State Bank pledge pool; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried.**

Water Development Plan: The water board reviewed the Water Development Plan letter.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource District Water Tour: Peters informed the water board that this tour may be cancelled this year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Peters will be on vacation Friday, February 27th and Monday, March 2nd.

With no other business, Berg motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Date: 3/3/2026

John Martinson

Chairman: 

Stacy Peters

Secretary/Treasurer: 