

Ramsey County Water Resource  
Ramsey County Courthouse  
524 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Ste. 12  
Devils Lake ND 58301  
January 6, 2026  
Meeting Held at the **Ramsey County Courthouse 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Stacy Peters-Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Bjornson-KLJ Engineering, Brian Johnson-Johnson Excavating,

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

John Martinson and Duaine Ash were reappointed as water board members by the Ramsey County Commissioners.

**Organization of Board:**

**Stacy Peters** asked for nominations for Chairman of the Water Board.

**Randy Schemionek**, nominated **John Martinson** for Chairman of the Water Board; **Duaine Ash** made second to the nomination. Stacy Peters asked for nominations for Chairman of the Water Board two more times.

**Van Howatt** made a motion for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast; **Bryston Berg** made second motion. **Motion was carried.**

**John Martinson** asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman position.

**Duaine Ash**, nominated **Van Howatt** for Vice-Chairman of the Water Board; **Randy Schemionek** made a second to the nomination. John Martinson asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Water Board two more times.

**Bryston Berg** made a motion for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast; **Duaine Ash** made second motion. **Motion was carried.**

**John Martinson** asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer position.

**Duaine Ash**, nominated **Stacy Peters** for Secretary-Treasurer of the Water Board; **Van Howatt** made second motion. John Martinson asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of the Water Board two more times.

**Randy Schemionek** made a motion for nominations to cease and unanimous ballot be cast; **Bryston Berg** made second motion. **Motion was carried.**

**Van Howatt**, made a motion for **Duaine Ash** to be the Basin/Rec representative; **Randy Schemionek** made a second motion. **Motion was carried.**

Martinson asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Duaine Ash made a motion to approve the agenda; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried**.

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

**December Financials:** The financial reports were reviewed. Van Howatt motioned to approve the financials, as presented; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried**.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lawton Coulee:** After discussion, Peters will contact the Office Manager in Nelson County to attend their water board meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Advisory Committee:** It was determined to invite the Hammer-Sullivan & Starkweather Coulee Advisory Committee members to the February meeting.

**Designate Depositories:** Bryston Berg motioned to approve Western State Bank as Designated Depository for the Ramsey County Water Resource District; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried**.

**Fancher Township (Doug Freije) Water Complaint:** After discussion, Van Howatt made a motion to accept the water complaint & after discussion with Paul Bjornson, KLJ, the 10-year flow is currently met in the crossing in the complaint, and with this recommendation, the water complaint would be closed; Randy Schemioneck seconded. All members voted aye and **motion carried**. Peters will send a letter to Doug Freije on this.

**Channel A Fishing Pier:** Discussion was held on the electronic posting of the area, including the Channel A accessible fishing pier, & the posting was removed. Ash will contact Jeff Frith, County Commission, and Suzie Kenner, Chamber, regarding the fishing pier area.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Peters will contact Office Manager at Cavalier County regarding the collections of the Channel A assessments & will send them an invoice for half of the payment for the pipe.

Discussing regarding loans for Channel A and Newbre Snag & Clear. It was determined that a loan would not be taken for the Channel A maintenance. Peters will outreach to Western State Bank regarding the loan for Newbre to start in March 2026.

With no other business, Howatt motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:34 AM.

Date: 2/3/26

John Martinson  
Chairman:



Stacy Peters  
Secretary/Treasurer:

