

## MINUTES

### North Dakota State Water Commission Bismarck, North Dakota June 12, 2025

The ND State Water Commission (Commission or SWC) held a meeting at the Bank of North Dakota, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND, and via phone conference on June 12, 2025. Lt. Governor Strinden called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. A quorum was present. The board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **State Water Commission Members Present:**

Lt. Governor Strinden, Acting Chairman  
Doug Goehring, Commissioner, ND Agriculture Commissioner  
Michael Anderson, Lower Red River Basin  
Jeff Frith, Devils Lake Basin  
James Odermann, Little Missouri, Upper Heart, and Upper Cannonball River Basins  
Connie Ova, James River Basin  
Gene Veeder, Upper Missouri River Basin  
Jay Volk, Lower Missouri River Basin  
April Walker, Upper Red River Basin  
Jason Zimmerman, Mouse River Basin

#### **Others Present:**

Reice Haase, Director, ND Dept. of Water Resources (DWR or Department) and Commission Secretary  
John Paczkowski, DWR State Engineer  
DWR Staff  
Matthew Sagsveen, General Counsel, Attorney General's Office  
Approximately 110 people present online and in person.

#### **Consideration of Agenda**

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the June 12, 2025, meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Commissioner Odermann disclosed a conflict of interest with the Southwest Pipeline Project. Commissioner Zimmerman disclosed a conflict of interest with the Ward County Water Resource District. Commissioner Anderson disclosed a conflict of interest with East Central Rural Water District.

#### **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Frith moved to approve the April 10, 2025, State Water Commission meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the May 22, 2025, Pre-Commission meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker and passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the May 28, 2025, State Water Commission special meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk and passed by unanimous vote.

### **Commission Secretary Update**

Reice Haase, DWR Director, Commission Secretary, gave a brief update on the legislative actions and studies as a result of the last legislative session. Haase added the Water Topics Committee has transitioned to a permanent legislative committee, that will require all projects greater than \$10 million to be presented to Water Topics Committee before May 31 of each even-numbered year to avoid surprise funding requests during legislative planning. DWR staff have prepared Requests for Information (RFI) for the studies on Cost-Share policy and Governance and Finance of regional water systems. Due to legislative exemption from the procurement process, DWR will be seeking approval at this meeting to publish the two RFIs. Haase noted there has been significant improvement in the drought conditions due to recent rainfall. The Spirit Lake Nation submitted an emergency cost-share request on June 6 due to the elevated manganese levels and the EPAs do not consume order. On June 9, under the Director's authority \$100,000 was approved for emergency filtration equipment.

Due to prior scheduling conflicts, the December Water Commission meeting has been moved to December 16, 2025, at the Bank of North Dakota from 1 – 5 PM CT.

Pat Fridgen, DWR Planning and Education Division Director, presented an inventory list of all the water supply projects that came in as part of the water development planning process prioritized using Department of Environmental Quality's criteria. Fridgen stated it is a tool the Commission has available should they need to prioritize projects within each of the SWC's prioritization categories.

Fridgen referred to HB 1218, and the pause it puts in place for economic analysis on assessment drain projects. In addition, it called for a study to look at the formulas used for conducting economic analysis for assessment drain projects. DWR staff will assist in any way to make sure the study progresses.

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Odermann the Commission waive the application requirement for an economic analysis on assessment drains between August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2027.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

### **Financial Report**

The Glossary of Terms, allocated program expenditures, and financial reports were presented by Chris Kadmas, DWR Administration Division Director.

The oil extraction tax deposits total \$436,453,022 estimated through May 2025 for the 2023-25 biennium, which is \$21,906,545 over the projected biennium revenue of

\$414,546,477 through May 2025. Transfers in the amount of \$25,726,837 from the Resources Trust Fund to the Water Projects Stabilization Fund have occurred through May 2025.

The 68th Legislative Assembly estimates oil extraction tax deposits for the 2023-2025 biennium to total \$449,859,211 through June 2025. It also provided for the transfer of oil extraction tax deposits in excess of the legislative forecast for the 2023-2025 biennium to be transferred quarterly to the Water Projects Stabilization Fund.

**Draft Cost-Share Policy Study RFI & Financial and Governance Study RFI**

Fridgen stated House Bill 1020, DWR budget bill, includes requirements for the SWC to complete two (2) studies. Section 21 of HB 1020 states during the 2025-26 interim, the SWC shall study the long-term governance and finance models of the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS), Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP), and Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP). The study is to include the operational and organizational aspects of these three (3) water systems.

Section 22 of HB 1020 states during the 2025-26 interim, the SWC shall study its cost-share policy, including an evaluation of whether projected funding for water projects, in conjunction with the existing Cost-Share Program policy, will adequately address funding needs through July 1, 2039. The study is also to evaluate project schedules and the state's financial role in deferred maintenance and replacement projects.

The deadline for draft reports to be provided to Legislative Management is March 31, 2026. The intent of the RFIs is to solicit information from potential vendors that can assist with the studies, and to ultimately enter into agreements for study completion. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Walker the Commission approve the proposed RFIs and post with any suggested changes to solicit proposals from potential vendors.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP)**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Manning, Dunn Co.—Waterline Construction**

Dunn County approached Southwest Water Authority (SWA) about converting the residents within the Community of Manning as direct SWA rural customers. Justin Froseth, SWPP Project Manager, stated Dunn County has been planning a street reconstruction project in the Community of Manning. The county recognizes a cost saving opportunity with installation of new waterlines ahead of, or during, the street reconstruction project at their cost. SWA has notified Dunn County that to have SWA directly serve the residents of Manning as rural customers in the future, the new waterlines would need to be installed according to SWPP standards. SWA would then assume responsibility of individual rural connections in the community of Manning when capacity for SWPP is available. Currently, there is no committed timeline for increasing

the hydraulic capacity on the SWPP. A MOU is under development that lays out details regarding capacity, construction standards, potential future transfer of ownership, and operations and maintenance of the new water lines.

There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Veeder the Commission authorize the Secretary to finalize and execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Dunn County, Manning Waterworks, the State Water Commission, and the Southwest Water Authority regarding Community of Manning's residents becoming future SWA rural customers.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### **Agreement with Dunn Co.—Hydraulic Improvements Preliminary Design**

Froseth stated Dunn County approached SWA about hydraulic improvements needed to serve all wait listed customers within the county. Currently, the waitlist within the county includes over 100 properties including the potential rural services in the community of Manning. The county is willing to commit to the expense of a preliminary engineering design to understand the potential projects needed, and the cost, that would increase the hydraulic capacity of the SWPP in the county to serve the waitlist users. The majority of four (4) hydraulic service areas and parts of a few others are within Dunn County. The county has been notified the estimate from BW/AECOM to complete the preliminary design is \$110,000. DWR has been working on an agreement, as well as a scope of work, with BW/AECOM for the preliminary engineering design. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman the Commission authorize the Secretary to finalize and execute the Agreement between Dunn County, the State Water Commission, and the Southwest Water Authority regarding Preliminary Engineering for Hydraulic Improvements in Dunn County.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. Commissioner Odermann abstained. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### **Agreement with Gevo—Preliminary Design Report for Raw Water Upgrades**

Froseth stated Gevo approached DWR and SWA about the possibility of increasing their allocation in the water service agreement from SWPP. Currently the facility is provided with a flow rate of 600-gallons per minute (GPM). The facility would like to explore the cost of infrastructure upgrades needed on the SWPP to increase the allocation to 1,100 GPM and the possibility of exploring an allocation of 2,000 GPM to the facility. DWR has been working on an agreement, as well as scope of work, with BW/AECOM for the Preliminary Design Report (PDR) to understand infrastructure upgrades and costs for increasing the SWPP's raw water line capacity. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Anderson the Commission authorize the Secretary to finalize and execute the Agreement between Gevo, Inc. and the State Water Commission regarding the Preliminary Design Report for the raw water upgrades.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. Commissioner Odermann abstained. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### **Water Service Agreement Amendment #4 with Net-Zero Richardton, LLC**

Froseth discussed the water service agreement RW-6 with Net-Zero Richardton, LLC set to expire on May 26, 2025. An amendment is needed and will extend the term of the agreement to June 2035, to increase the allocation from 480 GPM to 600 GPM and require Net-Zero Richardton, LLC to provide a minimum of 864,000 gallons storage and utilize it and increase the minimum annual purchase from 160 million gallons to 200 million gallons. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Frith the Commission authorize the Secretary to finalize and execute Amendment #4 to the Southwest Pipeline Project water service agreement, RW – 6 between State Water Commission, Net-Zero Richardton, LLC, and the Southwest Water Authority.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. Commissioner Odermann abstained. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### **Supplementary Intake Contract 1-2A**

Froseth provided a brief project history, summary of claim related expenses, projections through July 2025, and overall claim related expenditures on the SWPP Supplementary Intake project. About \$2.72 million has been expended to date and with the projection of an additional \$120,000 through July for mediation related expenses, with approval of additional \$30,000 in funding being requested. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman the Commission authorize an additional \$30,000 for the total authorized to date amount of \$2.84 million towards claim related expenses for the SWPP Contract 1-2A.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

### **Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS)**

#### **Award Contract 1-1A—Intake and Snake Creek Pumping Plant Modifications**

Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director, stated the NAWS Contract 1-1A Intake and Snake Creek Pumping Plant Modifications project is set to bid on June 26, 2025. The scope of work includes the construction of a new NAWS raw water intake, large diameter (48") intake pipeline with isolation valve, steel intake bulkhead, small diameter airburst, and chemical feed pipelines in Lake Sakakawea outside the existing Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) Snake Creek Pumping Plant. A portion of the cofferdam removal costs will be reimbursed by Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCCD) and BOR. Federal Municipal, Rural, and Industrial (MR&I) water supply funding allocated to NAWS is planned to be used for the state share of the contract cost at 65-percent, with 35-percent from the City of Minot's sales tax fund. The engineering costs will be funded at 65-percent from state Resources Trust Fund and 35-percent from City of Minot's sales tax fund. Funding allocation will be recommended for approval at the August SWC meeting. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Walker the Commission authorize the Secretary to award NAWS Contract 1-1A – Intake and Snake Creek Pumping Plant Modifications to the lowest responsible bidder contingent upon the consultant engineer's recommendation, concurrence from Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Bureau of Reclamation, and legal review of the contract documents by legal counsel.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### **Agreement with City of Minot—Water Supply and Treatment**

S.Pillai-Grinolds stated with the delivery of Lake Sakakawea water to the NAWS project expected in 2025, City of Minot staff and DWR staff have been working on finalizing the agreement whereby the commission delivers lake water, and the city delivers groundwater to the Minot Water Treatment Plant. The city will treat both the lake water and ground water and provide treated water for the NAWS project and the city. The agreement lays out billing procedures and responsibilities between the city and the commission. The agreement is pending legal reviews and approval from the city council. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Veeder the Commission authorize the Secretary to finalize and execute the Northwest Area Water Supply Project – Water Supply and Treatment agreement with the City of Minot.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**Reimbursement from Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance Fund**

S.Pillai-Grinolds stated in March 2025, one (1) pump from the NAWS High Service Pump Station was identified for rebuild. The quote received for rebuilding the pump is approximately \$23,000. With other incidental expenses for reinstalling the pump, the estimated cost for rebuild and reinstall is \$27,500. The SWC adopted a policy in June 2012 to allow for the use of Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance (REM) funds for the NAWS project on eligible items over \$15,000. The NAWS REM fund balance as of April 30, 2025, is \$3,704,974.38. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Veeder and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman the Commission approve the pump rebuild is an eligible Replacement and Extraordinary Maintenance (REM) project and approve reimbursement up to \$27,500 from the NAWS REM fund.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda included the following cost-share projects with requested funding amounts for approval:

**Flood Control**

City of Dickinson	Northwest Regional Pond Feasibility Study	\$240,000
Ward Co WRD	Valley Street Bank Stabilization	\$165,000
Stutsman County	Crystal Springs Watershed Initiative	\$18,000

**General Water**

DEQ	Nonpoint Source Pollution BMP Team	\$200,000
DWR	DWR/USGS Monitoring Program FY2026	\$538,378

**Water Supply (Municipal/Regional)**

City of Grafton	Water System Replacement 2026 – Ph. 1	\$225,000
City of Minot	11 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW Water Main Replacement	\$120,000
City of Minot	Dacotah Homes & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SW Water Main	\$120,000
City of Cando	4 <sup>th</sup> Ave Water Main Replacement	\$395,084
City of Jamestown	2025 Water Main Replacement North	\$873,335
City of Kindred	Elm Street Water Main Replacement	\$430,723

**Water Supply (Rural)**

Central Plains WD	Maddock Connection to CPWD	\$0
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There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Odermann and seconded by Commissioner Ova the Commission approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.**

Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

**State Cost-Share Requests**

**Water Supply (Municipal/Regional)**

Julie Prescott, DWR Engineer Manager, presented the following municipal/regional water supply projects.

**WAWSA: Water Treatment Plant Intake – Ph. 2 \$1,254,750  
(SWC Project No. 1973)**

The Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) requested preconstruction cost-share for their Water Treatment Plant Intake Phase II. The project is selection and design of a new dual raw water pipeline from the raw water intake to the raw water pump station at the Williston Water Treatment Plant. This project will be managed through a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process. The purpose of the project is to provide increased capacity of up to 50 million gallons per day to the water treatment plant.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission’s cost-share policy. There was no discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Veeder and seconded by Commissioner Goehring the Commission approve the request from the Western Area Water Supply Authority for state cost-share participation in the Water Treatment Plant Intake Phase II project at 75-percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$1,254,750. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**City of Belfield: Water Improvements – Phase 1 \$1,314,186  
(SWC Project No. 2050BEL)**

The City of Belfield requested construction cost-share for their Water Improvement Phase I project. The project is installation of two (2) pressure reducing valves and approximately 3,386-feet of new water main along Highway 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE in Belfield. The purpose of the project is to correct pressure issues and to loop the existing system.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission’s cost-share policy for municipal water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Anderson the Commission approve the request from the City of Belfield for state cost-share participation in the Water Improvements Phase I project in the amount of \$1,314,186, or 60-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$1,381,386. This approval is contingent on available funding.**



**City of Jamestown: 2025 Water Main Replacement South  
(SWC Project No. 2050JAM)**

**\$1,797,994**

The City of Jamestown requested construction cost-share for their 2025 Water Main Replacement – Segment 1 South project. The project will include replacement of approximately 2,710-feet of aging cast-iron water main along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, I-94 West Business Loop West, and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S in the City of Jamestown. The project is planned for construction in conjunction with I-94 West Business Loop improvements by the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission’s cost-share policy for municipal water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Anderson the Commission approve the request from the City of Jamestown for state cost-share participation in the 2025 Water Main Replacement – Segment 1 South project in the amount of \$1,797,994, or 60-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$1,965,994. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. The motion carried.**

**City of Kenmare: 2025 Water Main Replacement  
(SWC Project No. 2050KEN)**

**\$867,627**

The City of Kenmare requested construction cost-share for their 2025 Water Main Replacement project. The project is replacement of approximately 4,450-feet of aging cast iron water main near the Kenmare school, in the area west of Highway 52 and north of Division Street.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission’s cost-share policy for municipal water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Frith the Commission approve the request from the City of Kenmare for state cost-share participation in the 2025 Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$867,627, or 60 percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$967,527. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**WAWSA: MCWRD System 2 Expansion Rural Distribution  
(SWC Project No. 1973)**

**\$14,346,000**

The Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) requested construction cost-share for their McKenzie County Water Resource District (MCWRD) System II Expansion Rural Distribution project. The project is approximately 30 miles of water lines and a pump station to provide service to 118 new users east of Watford City.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for regional water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Veeder and seconded by Commissioner Volk the Commission approve the request from the Western Area Water Supply Authority for state cost-share participation in the MCWRD System II Expansion Rural Distribution project at 75-percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$14,436,000. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**WAWSA: NWRWD East Williston CR9 – Alt. 1 \$1,972,793  
(SWC Project No. 1973)**

The Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) requested construction cost-share increase for their Northwest Rural Water District County Road (CR) 9 Rural Distribution project. The project is installation of 56 miles of new transmission pipeline to serve 110 connections, and three (3) rural subdivisions located east of Williston. The current request, bid as "Alternate 1", would add 18 miles of new transmission pipeline and 38 new users northeast of Williston to the project, for a total of 74 miles of new transmission pipeline to serve 148 connections. The Commission previously approved cost-share of eligible costs of the project at 75-percent for the regional portion and 60-percent for the extra-territorial area (ET) portion.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for regional water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Veeder the Commission approve the request from the Western Area Water Supply Authority for additional state cost-share participation in the NWRWD East Williston CR9 Rural Distribution project in the amount of \$1,972,793, or 75-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$8,323,795. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**GDCD: RRVWSP 25-27 Funding \$150,000,000  
(SWC Project No. 325)**

The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCD) requested \$150,000,000 in cost-share for the Red River Valley Water Supply project (RRVWSP). This request is for construction costs of the 6B and 6C transmission pipelines and the McClusky wet well, final design costs for the McClusky facilities, final design and construction costs for the Missouri River pump station and transmission main to Washburn, and easement and planning costs.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for regional water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Ova the Commission approve the request from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District for state cost participation in the Red River Valley Water Supply project at 75-percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$150,000,000. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**GDCD: RRVWSP Loan Request  
(SWC Project No. 325)**

**\$50,000,000**

The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCD) requested a loan totaling \$50,000,000 from the Water Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund (WIRLF) through the Bank of North Dakota (BND) to be used toward their 25-percent local share of the Red River Valley Water Supply project. The district requested cost-share for pipeline contracts 6B and 6C, McClusky facilities and wet well, Missouri River pump station and transmission main to Washburn, easements, and project planning. Based on its initial review of the Financing Resolution to be executed by the district and project nominations and participants, BND indicated that debt service capacity for the amount requested has been demonstrated.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for regional water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Ova the Commission approve the request from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District to apply for a loan in the amount of \$50,000,000, at an interest rate of two-percent and a term of 40-years, from the Water Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund through the Bank of North Dakota, to be used toward the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

**Water Supply (Rural)**

Prescott presented the following rural water supply projects.

**East Central RWD: Hillsboro Area Supply  
(SWC Project No. 2050EAS)**

**\$12,675,453**

The East Central Rural Water District requested construction cost-share for their Hillsboro Area Supply Transmission and Distribution project. The project is 20 new wells in the Galesburg Aquifer, eight (8) new wells in the Page Aquifer, improvements to the

existing transfer station located southwest of Mayville, 12 miles of concentrate removal pipeline between the water treatment plant and the Red River, and 20 miles of distribution pipeline between the water treatment plant and a connection for a planned large-scale dairy.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for rural water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Frith the Commission approve the request from the East Central Rural Water District for state cost-share participation in the Hillsboro Area – Supply, Transmission, and Distribution project in the amount of \$12,675,453, or 75-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$13,826,703. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. Commissioner Anderson abstained. The motion carried.**

**South Central: U of Mary Service Area Water Storage \$1,345,725  
(SWC Project No. 2050SOU)**

South Central Regional Water District requested construction cost-share for the University of Mary Service Area Water Storage and Transmission Line project. The project includes a pump station, a 250,000-gallon underground storage tank, and 8,487-feet of new water main to provide service to the University of Mary. All project elements will be owned by South Central Regional Water District. Peak daily demand for the University of Mary is 287,045-gallons. Following evaluation of construction bids received, the district has decided to go forward with only the water main portion of the project at this time. The district intends to rebid the remainder of the project at a later date. The current request also includes preconstruction costs for plan adjustments and rebid of the remaining components.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for rural water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Commissioner Veeder the Commission approve the request from the South Central Regional Water District for state cost-share participation in the University of Mary Area Water Storage and Transmission Line project in the amount of \$1,345,725, or 75-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$1,713,225. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. The motion carried.**

**Southeast WUD: West Water Treatment Plant \$16,308,863  
(SWC Project No. 2050SOU)**

Southeast Water Users District requested construction cost-share for their West Water Treatment Plant Improvements project. The project is construction of a new water

treatment plant to be located north of the existing wellfield. The existing water treatment plant will be repurposed as a pump station. The purpose of the project is to address water quality issues related to iron and manganese and to improve efficiency.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for rural water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Odermann and seconded by Commissioner Walker the Commission approve the request from the Southeast Water Users District for state cost-share participation in the West Water Treatment Plant Improvements project in the amount of \$16,308,863, or 75-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$19,679,120. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. The motion carried.**

**NPRWD: Mountrail County Water Supply Phase 3 \$2,016,603  
(SWC Project No. 2050NPR)**

North Prairie Regional Water District (NPRWD) requested construction cost-share increase for their Mountrail County Water Supply Phase III project. The project is installation of approximately 115 miles of water main to connect 123 new users. The current request is for construction costs following bidding of the project that exceeded the 2017 estimate in which construction cost-share was originally approved.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for rural water supply projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Frith and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman the Commission approve the request from North Prairie Regional Water District for additional state cost-share participation in the Mountrail County Water Supply Phase III project in the amount of \$2,016,603, or 75-percent of eligible costs, with total cost-share not to exceed \$5,446,603. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. The motion carried.**

**Water Supply (Discretionary)**

Prescott presented the following discretionary water supply project.

**Turtle Mountain: Highway 3 Corridor Phase 2 \$6,853,148  
(SWC Project No. 2050TUR)**

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa (TMBC) requested construction cost-share for their Highway 3 Corridor Phase 2 project. The project includes installation of approximately 52 miles of water main and a pressure vault to add 62 new users and improve service to 221 existing users north and west of the City of Dunseith. TMBC

anticipates receiving grant funding through the US Bureau of Reclamation and USDA Rural Development to offset costs of the project.

This project meets requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy for discretionary water supply projects. There were no questions, and the following motion was made:

**Moved by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Goehring the Commission approve the request from Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa for state cost-share participation in the Highway 3 Corridor Phase 2 project at 75-percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$6,853,148. This approval is contingent on available funding.**

**Commissioners Anderson, Frith, Odermann, Ova, Veeder, Volk, Walker, Zimmerman, Goehring, and Lt. Governor Strinden voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.**

#### Project Updates

DWR staff provided updates on the following projects:

- Devils Lake: Alexis Faber, Investigations Section Manager
- Mouse River: Alexis Faber, Investigations Section Manager
- Missouri River: Alexis Faber, Investigations Section Manager
- NAWS: S.Pillai-Grinolds, DWR Water Development Division Director
- SWPP: Justin Froseth, SWPP Manager

#### Legal Update

Matthew Sagsveen, General Counsel, Attorney General's Office, provided an update on current legal matters involving the SWC and DWR.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Lt. Governor Strinden adjourned the June 12, 2025, meeting at 3:01 PM. The next State Water Commission meeting will be held on August 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM CT at the Bank of North Dakota, Lewis & Clark Room #238, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota.



Michelle Strinden, Lieutenant Governor  
Acting Chairman, State Water Commission



Reice Haase, Director, DWR  
Secretary to the State Water Commission