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**Elm River Joint Water Resource District  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.**

The Elm River Joint Water Resource District met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at the Traill County Water Resource District office in Hillsboro, North Dakota. Present were Chairman Andy Neset and Water Managers Josh Ihry and Jason Siegert. Lyndon Pease, Ben Kugler, and Andrew Smith, the Board's engineers; Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney; Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer; Katie Schmidt, bond counsel; Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County WRD; Cassie Tostenson, attorney for the Steele County WRD; Traill County WRD Managers, Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, and Gary Thompson; and Steele County WRD Managers, Tor Bergstrom and Greg Thykeson, were also present.

**Agenda**

Manager Ihry moved to approve the agenda as presented. Manager Siegert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes**

Manager Siegert moved to approve the minutes of the December 11 meeting. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Manager Siegert moved to approve the bills and treasurer's report as presented. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Elm River Dams 1, 2, and 3 Improvements Project**

Lyndon Pease reported that construction for the dams has been completed and the contract has been closed out. Moore will check warranty items this spring.

**Bond Discussion**

Katie Schmidt provided information regarding calling the Series B bonds in order to save on interest costs. Manager Siegert moved to direct Ohnstad Twichell to collect payoff scenarios for early bond redemption. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**2027-2029 Water Development Plan**

Moore to work with Ms. Spaeth to compile an updated list and costs and submit to the Department of Water Resources prior to the April 30, 2026, deadline.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Andy Naset, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jessica Spaeth, Secretary

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