

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

April 29, 2026

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman, Anthony Roorda, on April 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Anthony Roorda, Duane Andersen, Jordan Wanzek, and Lucas Torgerson.

Additionally present was Tom Kleven, representing St. Paul Township, Tim Staloch, representing Flint Township, Brian Knetter, representing St. Paul Township, Mike Moser, representing Flint Township, Tim Brenner, representing Crystal Springs Campground, Linda Maddalena and Mark Stebbens, Chad Kleinknecht, Eric Haas, Reule Lake Homeowners Association, and Charles J. Klein. Additionally present was Mike Gunsch of Houston Engineering, Josh Loosemore of Peritiacon LLC, and Abbagail C. Geroux from Dalsted & Ryan, P.C., as the secretary/treasurer of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the March 29, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Duane Andersen moved and Jordan Wanzek seconded a motion to approved the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**W-473, CHAD KLEINKNECHT - APPLICATION TO INSTALL A SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

It was first noted that at the last meeting, the board requested Ms. Geroux to look into the appropriate fee to do tiling applications. After discussion, Duane Andersen moved and Lucas Torgerson seconded a motion to set the tiling fee at \$500.00. Motion passed.

Next, Ms. Geroux then explained the tiling approval process and the law to the board members. Chad Kleinknecht was there to answer questions. Being there were no further individuals present to discuss the matter, Lucas Torgerson moved and Jordan Wanzek seconded a motion to approve this subsurface drainage application from Chad Kleinknecht with the standard conditions. Motion passed.

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**FLINT TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS**

Josh Loosemore, representing Flint Township, addressed the board regarding some projects that they have secured some preliminary funding for a feasibility study. There are two areas of that township where water is abutting and overtopping the roadway. The water overtopping was in 2019 and 2020. It is now under again. However, the amount of water over the roadway is currently stabilized. Additionally, 57<sup>th</sup> went under in 2023. It is now under water by approximately three feet. It was noted that there was also a dam put in this area by Northern Improvement in the early 1980's. Further research may be done to determine the status of that dam.

Josh Loosemore also noted that any project may have a related Water Resource Board involvement and while this is in its preliminary stages he felt it was appropriate to make the board aware of this potential project in case Water Resource Board involvement became necessary.

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Next, Mike Gunsch of Houston Engineering provided an update regarding the Crystal Springs Lake Feasibility Study. Mr. Gunsch provided a handout to the board regarding the various topics that were addressed at the meeting. Notably, Mr. Gunsch indicated he submitted the Crystal Springs Lake Project as a future project on the Department of Water Resources priority list. He noted that there is interest in potential use of water for irrigation, but no formal action has been taken yet.

The Long Lake Creek process is moving forward in a slightly different manner than was previously reported, but the process is starting regarding the Long Lake Creek concerns.

Lastly, it was noted that the Water Resource Board received a complaint by a number of different landowners regarding drainage occurring on land owned by Dwight Hofmann. The drainage complaint was provided to Jacob Hofmann, his son. It was also noted that a permit to drain was applied for and obtained back in approximately 2021. None of this information was formally before the board or on the agenda because it was recently received by the board, but there was some discussion about the action taken by Mr. Hofmann and how the board would like to proceed. It was decided to place this matter on the May

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agenda to give parties additional time to do some research and present the matter to the board.

**FINANCIALS**

Next the board addressed the bills and financials. Ms. Geroux did note that one of the C.D's will mature soon. The board did not take any action regarding that C.D. After additionally review, Jordan Wanzek made a motion and Lucas Torgerson seconded a motion to approve bills and financials as presented. Motion passed.

**CHECK NUMBERS**

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| 1. IRS - \$267.75                    | #3014 |
| 2. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$1,227.50 | #3015 |

Ms. Geroux also then presented the board with some other correspondence and provided them with a brief background to the procedure of the Department of Water Resources regarding drainage applications.

Seeing no further business before the board, Lucas Torgerson moved and Jordan Wanzek seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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ABBAGAIL C. GEROUX  
Secretary

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board approved the minutes this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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ANTHONY ROORDA, Chairman, or  
DUANE ANDERSEN, Vice-Chairman