

MINUTES

Commissioners present: Joseph Zumwalt, Melissa Shriver-Hackamack, Richard Zollinger

HUNT LIMA DRAINAGE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Date: **March 12, 2026**

Time 9:00 am

President Joe Zumwalt called the meeting to order at 9:06a.m. on March 12, 2026. Zumwalt added the Bluff Canal to the Project Reports section of the agenda.

Additions/corrections to previous months reports: The February 2026 minutes were submitted for approval. Commissioner Richard Zollinger made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Shriver Hackamack. Motion approved.

Approval of Financial information for this month: Richard Zollinger made a motion to approve the financial information for the month. President and Commissioner Joe Zumwalt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Current Bills approved for payment: Shriver-Hackamack made motion to approve the current bills for payment. Motion seconded by Zollinger. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report on Executive Session in February: Hunt Lima Lake Drainage District commissioners reported they reviewed new information about the hourly wages of current employees in 2025. After discussion, they approved a salary of \$57,000 for each employee, plus life insurance for the both employees. A motion was made by Zollinger to approve this benefits package. Zumwalt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Joe Zumwalt made motion to reimburse the difference to the two employees for the first part of 2026. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Zumwalt made a motion to approve a life insurance policy for two employees with Prudential Life Insurance. Zollinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioners noted that due to the increased wages and benefits packages, employees of the district should expect increased accountability. Employee reviews will be held on a regular basis as well as other protocols. Commissioners will talk about a plan to schedule reviews in the future.

Levy Improvement Project:

- Project status North UFC Elevator: President Zumwalt reported that work on the nationwide permit application process is underway. The application should be ready to send out in a week or two.
- Zumwalt has spoken with Mr. Frankenhoff with the Adams County Highway Department. The Adams County Highway Department wants to work with the district to coordinate its drainage project with the removal of sand for the levee project.

Ditch Maintenance Update

- Latest Project Reports:
 - Work on the Bluff Canal is underway.
 - There is a large erosion issue due to a landowner who is grazing cows on the levees. The cattle trails up and down the sides of the levee is creating large crevices of earth. With the

Corps of Engineers inspection coming up, this will have to be addressed. President Zumwalt will reach out to the landowner.

- Old Bridge Closed on top of levee
 - Guardrails need to be removed. This is believed to be under the Adams County Highway Department right of way. Commissioners will speak with the Highway department about this.
- Bulldozing Progress - 3/4 mile left west of main ditch North of Adwell. Employees were asked to take care of the spoil on Shuhart before it grows up with weeds.

Equipment/Building Repairs & Parts

- Update on South Pump Station Cooling issues - Bob Venvertloh is coming down from Klinger and Associates tomorrow. He will be working to measure for the fans so more precise plans can be drawn out.

Dallas Rural Water District

- Nothing new to report with this project. No easements have been granted as of yet.

Progress on Bridge South of Warsaw

- The city is working on a plan with IDOT. Work is slated to be done in 2027.

IRS Update - No new correspondence.

New Business

Financial Investment Options: - Stuart Froman, VP of Town and Country Bank's branch in Warsaw (Hill Dodge Bank) presented options to the board. After reviewing options, the board plans to vote on this soon.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Inspection

- The March 4th Inspection was cancelled. No new date has been scheduled as of yet. The pump house inspections could happen at any time.

MFCA Annual Meeting in June

- The annual meeting of the Midwest Flood Control Association is slated for June 17-18 in St. Louis. Shriver-Hackamack gave an update on recent activities promoting awareness of river issues in Washington.

Assessments Updates for April/May mailing

- Assessments are set to be mailed in April. If anyone knows of any property changes, please contact one of the commissioners. It is the landowner's responsibility to contact the district about a land transfer.

Other New Business

- Pump Maintenance
 - There is a current maintenance issue at the pump stations. A few of the engines need to pull valve covers. Two engines at the north pump station are included. One is at the south pump station. Roland Machine from Palmyra will be handling the work.

Zumwalt made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Zollinger seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned