MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT OFFICE OF MOORE ENGINEERING, INC. WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA OCTOBER 22, 2009

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District Board met on October 22, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. at the office of Moore Engineering, Inc. West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Thomas L. Fischer and Mark Brodshaug, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Rodger Olson and Jurgen Suhr, Maple River Water Resource District; Michael R. Buringrud, Robert Thompson and Wesley Ecker, North Cass Water Resource District; Raymond Wolfer, William A. Hejl and Keith Monson, Rush River Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board, Lee Beauvais and Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc. and Jacob Gust, property owner in Reed Township.

Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study

Information from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study was reviewed. The Board discussed the benefit to cost ratio, cost and funding for the project. The Managers agreed that a North Dakota diversion would help resolve regional flooding problems, which would need to be funded anyway. Chairman Fischer said people have told him they do not necessarily want to look at a project with the least cost. They want a project built for the future.

Chairman Fischer said Cass County has indicated their support for a flood control project. The City of Moorhead, Clay County and the State of Minnesota also need to be in support of the project.

Manager Hejl moved to recommend support for a North Dakota diversion project, as set out by the Corps of Engineers in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study, large enough to handle a 500-year flood event and that the Cass County Joint Water Resource District sponsor the project. Manager Brodshaug seconded the motion. A consensus vote was taken and received unanimous support.

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Olson to approve the *Resolution of Support for North Dakota Diversion* attached to these minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Buringrud to hire Moore Engineering, Inc. to analyze the benefit area for the North Dakota West Diversion alternative presented by the Corps of Engineers in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to coordinate a meeting with representatives from the City of Fargo, Cass County and the Congressional Delegation to discuss support for the North Dakota West Diversion alternative presented by the Corps of Engineers in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

<u>Adjournment</u>

It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Brodshaug and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Fischer

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ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer