

MINUTES OF MEETING
CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
NOVEMBER 20, 2009

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District Board met on November 20, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Thomas L. Fischer, Chairman; Mark Brodshaug, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Rodger Olson, Maple River Water Resource District; Michael R. Buringrud, North Cass Water Resource District; Raymond Wolfer, Rush River Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kimberly Bomstad, Accounting Tech/Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Jeff Volk and Lee Beauvais, Engineers for the Board; Keith Berndt, Cass County Engineer and Dennis Ertelt, Maple River Dam Land Manager.

Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study

Chairman Fischer said the Cass County Commission encouraged the Cass County Joint Water Resource District to hire a consultant to review and study the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers information and cost benefit ratio data regarding the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study. He added that the cost would be capped at \$20,000 for the consultant. Keith Berndt said Ken Goettel, Goettel & Associates, Inc., Davis, California, would be a good contractor to work with. Mr. Goettel worked with Cass County on FEMA grant applications and on the Southside Flood Control Project. Jeff Volk asked when the consultant would be able to do the work as the information would be needed by the end of this year to be effective. Mr. Volk added that national benefit is what the consultant will try to capture. Chairman Fischer agreed and said the consultant might pick up things that are not in the standard model like the impact a flood would have on the State of North Dakota. Manager Buringrud is concerned about the surrounding towns and how the project affects them.

Additional minutes relating to hiring a consultant are attached hereto.

The Board received and filed a letter from River Keepers.

Brochure with information on area flood control projects

The Board reviewed a draft brochure with information on area flood control projects.

Maple River Dam A-170 - repairs and 2010 tree planting

Lee Beauvais reported that the repair work on the Maple River Dam has been completed.

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Wolfer to authorize the Chairman to sign the *2010 Tree Planting Contract* with the Cass County Soil Conservation District regarding the Maple River Dam. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Maple River Dam A-170 - Stabilization on Site 0101

Mr. Beauvais said the stabilization of Site 0101 at the Maple River Dam is complete, except for some planting.

Maple River Dam A-170 - renewal of Letter of Credit

It was moved by Manager Olson and seconded by Manager Buringrud to renew Letter of Credit #1340 with State Bank and Trust for the Maple River Dam, as conditioned by the Corps of Engineers. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Water Manager comments on the Moore Engineering, Inc. 2009 Spring Flood Report

The Board had no comments on the Moore Engineering, Inc. 2009 Spring Flood Report.

Policy review

Information will be distributed to the Managers on proposed policies relating to the Water Resource Districts.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Olson to approve the minutes of the October 19, October 20, October 21, October 22, October 23, October 28, October 29, November 2, November 5 and November 12, 2009, meetings. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Buringrud and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve the payment of Checks #9245 through #9251, Check #9274 and Debit Card Transaction #60545516. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Fischer, Brodshaug, Olson, Buringrud and Wolfer. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Meeting schedule

The Board decided to move the next regular meeting from December 11 to December 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m.

Technology updates

The Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to proceed with technology updates as outlined by the Cass County Information Technology Department. The Secretary-Treasurer will also be looking into storage needed to maintain Water Resource District information.


Study effect of farm drainage

The Board discussed having a neutral party study the effect of farm drainage. Manager Olson said flooding is often blamed on farm drainage without any proof.

Adjournment

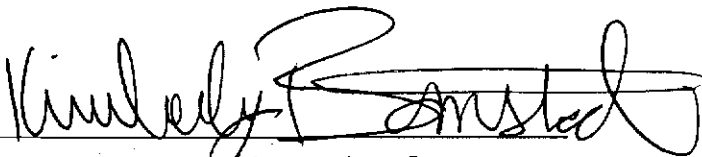
There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Buringrud, seconded by Manager Olson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:



Rodger Olson - Vice
Chairman

ATTEST:



Kimberly Bomstad, Acting Secretary