

FLOOD DIVERSION FINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 13, 2017—3:00 PM

1. MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Flood Diversion Finance Committee was held on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Fargo City Commission Chambers, Fargo City Hall, with the following present: Cass County Joint Water Resource District Chairman Mark Brodshaug; Fargo Finance Director Kent Costin; Fargo City Commissioner Tony Gehrig; Fargo City Commissioner Tony Grindberg; Clay County Auditor/Treasurer Lori Johnson; Cass County Auditor Mike Montplaisir; Fargo City Assistant Administrator Mike Redlinger; Cass County Commissioner Rick Steen; Cass County Commission Representative Darrell Vanyo; and Moorhead Finance Director Wanda Wagner. Moorhead City Councilman Chuck Hendrickson and Fargo City Mayor Tim Mahoney were absent.

Greg Baisch, CH2M, and John Shockley, Ohnstad Twichell were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION, passed

Mr. Steen moved and Mr. Costin seconded to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. WELLS FARGO LOAN AGREEMENT

Attorney John Shockley was present to discuss a resolution consenting to loan agreements between Wells Fargo Bank and Cass County and the City of Fargo.

Mr. Shockley said the City of Fargo and Cass County each have two \$50 million loans through Wells Fargo. Each entity has a loan due on July 31, 2017, and a loan due on July 31, 2018. Cass County and Fargo have negotiated with Wells Fargo to refinance all four loans so that the county and city each have one \$100 million loan due on July 31, 2019.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Steen moved and Mr. Montplaisir seconded to recommend Cass County and the City of Fargo consent to the loan agreements with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and to forward the recommendation to the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Discussion: Mr. Montplaisir said the loan agreements will be considered at the Cass County Commission and City of Fargo Commission meetings next week. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. RECOMMENDED CONTRACTING ACTIONS

Greg Baisch of CH2M was present to review the following contracting actions:

Contract Awards

- Meyer Contracting (Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee – Phases C and D)—award Work Package 43CD, less Alternative 1 bid items, in the amount of \$10,399,476.21.

Mr. Baisch said eight total bids were received for this work package. As it was a multiple contract project and no bids were received for the mechanical construction contract, the award was required to be selected from the three bids received for the combined construction contract. The low bid is 11% lower than the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost.

- Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. (Cass County Roads 16 & 17 realignment)—award Work Package 28A in the amount of \$3,176,953.92.

Mr. Baisch said nine total bids were received for this work package. The low bid is 21% lower than the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost.

Change Order

- Hough Inc. (2nd Street South Levee and Floodwall)—adjust sidewalk; move sign; increase inspection trench and embankment import quantities; and increase contract time in the amount of \$122,928.10.

Utility Relocation Agreement

- Cass County Electric Cooperative (OHB Utility Relocations)—Schnell and Riverbend service retirements; temporary east levee crossing and 3-phase line; and service to new pump station in the amount of \$93,915.

Mr. Baisch said the proposed electrical utility relocations are required for Phases C and D of the OHB Ring Levee.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Redlinger moved and Mr. Steen seconded to approve the appropriation of funds for the contracting actions as presented, and to forward the recommendation to the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Contract Renewal

- Fredrickson & Byron, P.A.—renewal of agreement for government relations services in the amount of \$3,500 per month.

Robert Cowen from CH2M was present to discuss the agreement, which is continuation of lobbying efforts provided by the vendor. The flat rate of \$3,500 per month remains unchanged from the previous agreement. The contract will expire on June 30, 2018.

Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner, was present. He stressed the importance of the services provided in order to work with the Minnesota Legislature on the state's share of financing for the project as well as to keep legislators informed about the project.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Redlinger moved and Mr. Montplaisir seconded to approve the services agreement with Fredrickson & Byron, P.A. as presented, and to forward the recommendation to the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Discussion: Mr. Steen said he previously asked for a written update or report from Fredrikson & Byron on the services provided to the Diversion Authority. Mr. Redlinger will talk with Rocky Schneider from AE2S about obtaining this information. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 26th, at 4:00 PM.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, passed

On motion by Mr. Montplaisir, seconded by Mr. Vanyo and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.