

**METRO FLOOD DIVERSION AUTHORITY
AUGUST 8, 2019—3:10 PM**

1. MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority was held Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 3:31 PM in the Fargo City Commission Chambers with the following members present: Cass County Commissioner Mary Scherling; Cass County Commissioner Chad Peterson; Clay County Commissioner Kevin Campbell; Clay County Commissioner Grant Weyland via conference call; Fargo City Mayor Tim Mahoney via conference call; Fargo City Commissioner Tony Grindberg; Fargo City Commissioner Dave Piepkorn; Moorhead City Council Member Chuck Hendrickson; Cass County Joint Water Resource District Manager Rodger Olson; and West Fargo City Commissioner Mike Thorstad. Cass County Commissioner Rick Steen and Moorhead City Mayor Johnathan Judd were absent. Tom Dawson, Chair of the Chamber Business Leaders Task Force, was also present.

2. MINUTES APPROVED

MOTION, passed

Mr. Piepkorn moved and Mr. Campbell seconded to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. AGENDA ORDER

MOTION, passed

Mr. Hendrickson moved and Mr. Olson seconded to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

4. .GOV DOMAIN REGISTRATION

Robert Wilson, Cass County Administrator and Co-Executive Director, said a number of IT issues need to be addressed as part of the process to set up email addresses for the new Executive Director and other office staff. The current website has a .com address and since the Diversion Authority is a public entity, now is the time to transition to a .gov domain.

A letter has been drafted to .Gov Domain Registration to begin the process to create fmdiversion.gov as the domain for the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Mr. Wilson needs a recommendation from the board to approve the letter.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Grindberg moved and Mr. Peterson seconded to approve and send the .Gov Domain Registration letter for the Diversion Board of Authority. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

North Dakota state law allows the board to meet in executive session to consult with legal counsel to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Piepkorn moved and Mr. Peterson seconded that the Metro Flood Diversion Authority meet in executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1 (9), to discuss negotiating parameters for an employment agreement with Joel Paulsen as Executive Director. Motion carried.

Diversion Authority board members and key administrative staff moved to the River Room at 3:35 PM for the executive session.

The executive session ended, and the meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:30 PM.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Co-Executive Directors and General Counsel to finalize Employment Agreement with Joel Paulsen**

MOTION, passed

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Grindberg seconded to authorize the Co-Executive Directors and General Counsel to finalize an Employment Agreement with Joel Paulsen based on discussions during the executive session and contingent upon reaching successful negotiations with Mr. Paulsen. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION, passed

On motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Piepkorn, and all voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.