

# Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board of Authority Meeting Minutes

**3:30 P.M. – July 28, 2022**

City of Fargo Commission Chambers

A regular meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board of Authority was held on July 28, 2022. The following members were present: Chad Peterson, Cass County Commissioner; Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo; Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Chuck Hendrickson, Moorhead City Council; Dave Piepkorn, Fargo City Commissioner; David Ebinger, Clay County Commissioner; John Strand, Fargo City Commissioner; Mary Scherling and Rick Steen, Cass County Commissioners; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Larry Seljevold, Moorhead City Council.

Member absent: Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2022 MEETING**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Mr. Steen moved to approve the minutes from the June 2022 meeting and Mr. Hendrickson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**3. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Dr. Mahoney moved to approve the order of the agenda as amended, removing item 6., USACE project update, and Mr. Ebinger seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Dr. Mahoney moved to approve the consent agenda Mr. Ebinger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.**

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Paulsen provided the following update:

**Media & Event Highlights**

- Riverkeepers Board tour
- ND Water Joint Summer Meeting presentation and tour
- Launched first in series of LinkedIn articles

## **Major Project Accomplishments**

- Property settlements achieved with 18 property owners covering 45 parcels in the past 6 months

## **P3 Updates**

- Productive meetings with RRVA
- Groundbreaking save the date messages sent

## **5. GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE**

### **a. BNSF Preliminary Engineering Agreement Amendment**

Mr. Shockley provided an overview and summary of the proposed agreement with BNSF. The agreement would provide a project engineer employee dedicated to complete various design review and research tasks regarding the flood mitigation plan and potential impacts on rail operations and maintenance.

#### **MOTION PASSED**

**Mayor Carlson moved to approve the BNSF agreement as presented and Mr. Piepkorn seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.**

## **6. USACE PROJECT UPDATE**

There was no update in Ms. William's absence.

## **7. PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE**

Ms. Willson provided the following public outreach update and a drone video of Drain 27 and the in-town work that is underway was viewed.

**The Diversion Current:** Distributed Issue 2 on July 7

**Groundbreaking Time Change:** 11 a.m. August 9, 2022

#### **Videos:**

Summer Construction Update published

Finance education video scripted

CURRENT Events video shorts starting

## **8. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **a. Property Acquisition Status Report**

Ms. Smith provided the following property acquisition status report:

- Property settlements achieved with 18 property owners covering 45 parcels in the past 6 months
- 99.5% of the parcels in the Channel have been acquired
- 76% of the parcels in the Southern Embankment have been acquired
- 19% of the parcels in the upstream mitigation area have been acquired
- 71% of the environmental easements have been signed
- A reminder letter was sent earlier in the month to property owners who have not negotiated their flowage easements

## **9. FINANCE UPDATE**

Mayor Dardis reported that the finance committee approved all the contracting actions that were presented. He also reported that our net position is \$135,013,500 and the Eide Bailly audit was distributed for review and will be presented at the August meeting.

#### **MOTION PASSED**

**Mayor Dardis moved to approve the finance committee report and Mr. Strand seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.**

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Paulsen gave an overview of the updated City of Fargo Work Plan for projects bid in 2022 and Chair Peterson asked for a motion to approve the plan.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Mr. Piepkorn moved to approve the 2022 City of Fargo Work Plan and Mr. Ebinger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.**

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be August 25, 2022.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Steen moved to adjourn, and Mr. Ebinger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.