

MINUTES OF MEETING
DIVERSION AUTHORITY AGRICULTURAL POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The Diversion Authority Agricultural Policy Subcommittee met on September 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present by telephone were Co-Chairs Rodger Olson and Mark Askegaard. Present at the meeting were Subcommittee members Mark Brodshaug; Mark Bittner; John Evert; Mark Ottis; and Brian Rust. Also present were Carol Harbeke Lewis, Cass County Joint Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer; Julie Zaeske Norman, Cass County Joint Water Resource District Administrative Assistant; Eric Dodds and Dustin Dale, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; Lee Beauvais and Gregg Thielman, Houston-Moore Group, Inc., Don Nelson, property owner in the Comstock area; and Trana Rogne, MnDak Upstream Coalition.

Chairman Rodger Olson called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Approval of agenda order

It was moved by Jon Evert, seconded by Mark Brodshaug, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda, as presented.

Minutes

It was moved by Mark Brodshaug, seconded by Mark Bittner, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014, and notes of the August 12, 2014, meetings.

Ag Risk Economic Evaluation Update

Four responses were received to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an *Ag Risk Economic Evaluation* for temporary water retention easement values and crop insurance. The Diversion Authority approved the recommendation to enter into a contract with the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

John Evert and Mark Brodshaug spoke to the quality of the RFQ submitted by NDSU. The insight and awareness of the needs of the Diversion Authority was evident in the response.

The next steps are to submit data to the NDSU staff for assimilation and analysis. Following the initial data submission, a kick off meeting will be scheduled. Tentative

dates for the meeting are October 3 or 6, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. Eric Dodds will contact NDSU representatives on the matter.

Hydraulic Model Update

Gregg Thielman presented a hydraulic model update on the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Subcommittee to consider, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Rodger Olson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Cass County Joint Water Resource District
Secretary-Treasurer