



**DIVERSION AUTHORITY
Land Management Committee
City Commission Room
Fargo City Hall
Thursday, July 11, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

1. Agenda review
2. Approve June 13, 2013 minutes
3. Hardship Acquisition Program Update (attachment #1)
4. Oxbow Memorandum of Understanding Update
5. Agricultural Policy Sub-Committee Update
6. Land Management Services Plan (CCJWRD)
7. Right of Entry Status & Cultural Resources Easement Acquisition Update
8. Other business
9. Next meeting Thursday, August 8, 2013

Hardship Acquisition Program Update

July 2013

- Ten hardship applications have been received since the program started in June 2012.
- Acquired Properties:
 - 744 Riverbend Road, rented beginning February 15, 2013
 - 105 Oxbow Drive, rented beginning April 15, 2013
 - 121 Oxbow Drive, closing scheduled for late July 2013
- A property management firm (Coldwell Banker) has been retained to administer renting the properties.
- Pending Applications:
 - 346 Schnell Drive, Oxbow, ND: This property was reviewed and approved by the Hardship Review Committee in February 2013 and the Land Management Committee approved conducting an appraisal at its February meeting. The appraisal was completed and negotiations with the property owners are on-going. It is expected that a purchase agreement for this property will be submitted to the Diversion Authority this fall.
 - 387 170th Ave SW, Moorhead, MN: This property was reviewed and approved by the Hardship Review Committee in May 2013 and the Land Management Committee approved conducting an appraisal at its June meeting. The appraisal has been ordered and will be reported back in a few months.
- The Corps has offered to conduct its 'Takings Analysis' on properties scheduled for hardship application in the event that acquisition requirements are not clear.
- Typical land acquisition process will take 7-13 months per the Land Management Plan. The steps include: surveys, title search, appraisal, negotiations, closing.