

MINUTES OF MEETING
DIVERSION AUTHORITY PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 13, 2012

The Diversion Authority Public Outreach Committee met on June 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

The following Committee members were present: Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District, Chairman; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Mike Thorstad, West Fargo City Commissioner; Brad Wimmer, Fargo City Commissioner; and Gerald VanAmburg, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District. Brenda Elmer, Moorhead City Commissioner, was absent.

Also present were Tom Waters, CH2MHill; Daron Selvig, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; Brad Dahl, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Arden Breimeier, Oxbow resident; and Carol Harbeke Lewis, Cass County Joint Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes

It was moved by Kevin Campbell, seconded by Mike Thorstad and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012, meeting.

Outreach issues

Daron Selvig reported on the presentation to the Home Builders Association. Brad Wimmer said it is important to continue meeting with various groups. Tom Waters said they are developing a list of businesses to meet with.

E-newsletter

The June issue of the e-newsletter will be released on Monday. It will contain a comparison on major flooding here and record breaking flooding in Minot and Bismarck, an article on LiDAR information, a profile on CH2MHill and their credentials, a summary of the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee outreach plan and a preview of Industry Day.

Website update

Mr. Selvig informed committee members that the following items have been added to the website:

- All documents issued by the Corps of Engineers;
- The Hardship Policy and application; and
- A link on Industry Day.

Right of Entry Committee report

Brad Dahl reported there are a number of Rights of Entry expiring between now and September 30th that are being worked on. Rights of Entry will be pursued in the staging and storage area this fall.

Hardship Policy

Mike Thorstad asked about the plans for properties purchased through the Hardship Policy. Currently, two properties have been purchased in Oxbow. There are concerns about leaving the homes empty or if they are removed and there are changes to the project. Mr. Waters said they are working up a policy with Jim Nyhoff. The concept is to purchase the properties and lease them back to the city and they could rent the property out. The Land Management Committee will discuss this at the meeting tomorrow.

Agricultural Policy Subcommittee

Kevin Campbell said Lyle Hovland, from Wilkin County, asked about becoming part of the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee. It was agreed to invite Mr. Hovland to become part of the Subcommittee.

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2012.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the committee, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Rodger Olson
Chairman

ATTEST:

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