

MINUTES OF MEETING
DIVERSION AUTHORITY PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JULY 11, 2012

The Diversion Authority Public Outreach Committee met on July 11, 2012, at 8:00 a.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; and Gerald VanAmburg, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District. Brenda Elmer, Moorhead City Commissioner; and Brad Wimmer, Fargo City Commissioner, were absent.

Also present were Tom Waters, CH2MHill; Eric Dodds and Daron Selvig, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; Brad Dahl, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Cass County Joint Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer; and Jacob Gust, property owner in Reed Township.

Minutes

It was moved by Kevin Campbell, seconded by Mike Thorstad and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012, meeting.

Right of Entry Committee report

Brad Dahl updated the committee on access issues. A court hearing is scheduled for this week. More letters with Access Agreements will be sent out in the near future.

Upcoming outreach events

Daron Selvig updated the Board on various outreach events. On Thursday there is a North Dakota Water Education Foundation tour of flood facilities in the metro area. Approximately 120 people have signed up for the tour. An Executive Briefing will be held regarding the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project on Friday in conjunction with the annual summer North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association meeting in Fargo.

A series of presentations have been lined up, similar to what was done in April. Presenters will include Brett Coleman, Corps of Engineers, Darrell Vanyo, Diversion Authority Chairman, Gregg Thielman, Houston Engineering, Inc., and Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc. Financial information relating to the project will also be presented.

Mike Thorstad said he would like the Horace city limits shown on maps used by the Corps of Engineers.

Post-Feasibility Analysis outreach plan

Tom Waters reported on things being worked on since the Record of Decision was signed, which include flows through town and location of the inlet structure. Work on the study is to be completed by September. Mr. Waters said there is potential for change to people that are impacted by the project and some outreach efforts may be needed as a result of those studies. They are putting together a roll out plan and will run it by the committee.

Business cards

The need for business cards to promote the website and provide contact information was discussed. The estimated cost for 1,000 cards is \$400. It was moved by Kevin Campbell, seconded by Mike Thorstad and unanimously carried to approve the business card concept and to list contact information for CH2M Hill on the cards.

Outreach issues

The Public Outreach Report that was prepared for the Diversion Authority was reviewed.

Rodger Olson reported that the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee meeting went well last night. Information was presented and discussed on the North Ottawa project, transportation studies and local drainage. Insurance experts will make a presentation at the next meeting on August 14, 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