

**FLOOD DIVERSION FINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 21, 2017—4:00 PM**

1. MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Flood Diversion Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 4:00 PM in the River Room, Fargo City Hall, with the following present: Fargo Finance Director Kent Costin; Moorhead City Councilman Chuck Hendrickson; Clay County Auditor/Treasurer Lori Johnson; Cass County Auditor Mike Montplaisir; Cass County Joint Water Resource District Vice Chairman Rodger Olson; Fargo City Assistant Administrator Mike Redlinger; Cass County Commissioner Rick Steen; Cass County Commission Representative Darrell Vanyo; and Moorhead Finance Director Wanda Wagner. Fargo City Commissioner Tony Grindberg was present via teleconference. Fargo City Commissioner Tony Gehrig; Cass County Joint Water Resource District Chairman Mark Brodshaug; and Fargo City Mayor Tim Mahoney were absent.

Robert Cowen, CH2M; and Eric Dodds, AE2S were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION, passed

Mr. Steen moved and Mr. Vanyo seconded to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION, passed

Mr. Hendrickson moved and Mr. Steen seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,017,842.18 and to forward them to the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Redlinger arrived for the remainder of the meeting.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Costin reviewed the financial statements for May. About \$29.6 million has been expended from the FY 2017 budget, and the total disbursed for the project to date is \$361,976,364.

Mr. Costin said the net position is \$79.6 million and has remained relatively steady.

Mr. Steen said the FY 2017 summary budget report shows negative budget balances for some line items, including program management and diversion channel spending. Robert Cowen of CH2M was present and said that some contracts do not follow the fiscal year and will go into 2018; there is no net overage.

5. PMC UPDATE

Mr. Cowen reviewed the Program Management Consultant (PMC) report, including the overall program status and the FY 2017 cash budget.

6. NDSU AGRICULTURAL STUDY

Eric Dodds of AE2S was present to discuss an update to an agricultural study completed

for the Diversion Authority by NDSU several years ago. Mr. Dodds said as FEMA will complete a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the project, the study should be updated to accurately reflect the new maps. The estimated cost to update the study is under \$100,000. The Land Management Committee recommends approval.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Grindberg moved and Mr. Vanyo seconded to approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$96,483 for NDSU to complete a Revised Assessment of the Agricultural Risk of Temporary Water Storage for FM Diversion, and to forward the recommendation to the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Discussion: Mr. Hendrickson asked where a copy of the original study can be accessed. Mr. Dodds said it is available on the FM Diversion website. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. LAND ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dodds reviewed the Land Acquisition Status Report and said that several parcels have progressed further into the acquisition process and progress continues to be made.

Mr. Costin asked if the team has been generally pleased with the prices being paid for land in relation to the program budget. Mr. Dodds said prices have generally been under budget, but soft costs relating to appraisals and land agent negotiations have been increasing. This will be studied more closely going forward and a request will be made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for more flexibility with some of the administration requirements.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 13th at 3:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, passed

On motion by Mr. Vanyo, seconded by Mr. Olson and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.