# FM Area Diversion Project Property Acquisition Summary

#### November 24, 2015

#### **Property:**

Owner	Randy and Lisa Cramer	
Address	365 Schnell Drive, Oxbow	
Property Type	Vacant Lot	
Identification Number	9668	

#### **Property Need**

Acquisition of this property is required to accommodate construction of the OHB Ring Levee project, Work Package WP-43. See attached map.

### **Description of Acquired Property**

The subject property is a vacant lot designated for single family residential development. The subject's total site size is 70,780 Sq. Ft. The property is a triangular shaped lot with Schnell Road on the front side and County Road 81 on the back side of the lot. The site is mostly level with no landscaping or significant tree coverage on the property. The subject property is typical of other undeveloped lots within Oxbow. The base elevation of most of the developed lots is at 910 feet. The elevations of the improved lots in Oxbow vary between an elevation of 916 to 918 feet. The center portion of the subject site is at 916-917 feet.

#### **Compensation & Negotiations Summary:**

Compensation amounts proposed are based on an appraisal of the subject property provided by a qualified appraiser following the Yellow Book standards. The appraisal has been reviewed and approved by USACE.

The property appraisal identified a market value of \$49,500 for the subject property with the extraordinary assumption that the lot is not buildable The property Owner has countered with a number of \$160,000 and documentation that from third party sources that the lot is in fact buildable and usable for residential purposes. A review of this documentation and additional research into typical construction in the Fargo-Moorhead area has indicated that the cost to elevate the foundation of the house to permit construction of a home on this property would make the lot generates an adjusted value of \$118,800 for this Property with the assumption that the lot is buildable. Lengthy negotiations with the Owner have derived a counter offer from the Owner of \$125,000 for the property. As this number is slightly more than five percent over the adjusted appraised value, it is recommended that the Board accept this figure as reasonable and fair just compensation for the property.

# Acquisition Cost Summary

Property		Notes
Appraised Value	\$ 49,500	Based on extraordinary assumption that
Appraised value		lot is non buildable
Adjusted Appraised Value	\$ 118,800	Based on adjustment reflecting a
Aujusteu Appraiseu value		buildable lot
Counter offer from Owner	\$ 160,000	Rejected this counter offer
Final Negotiated Purchase Price	\$ 125,000	Based on lengthy negotiations

## **Requested Action/Recommendation**

1. Recommend to CCJWRD, execution of a Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$125,000 as just compensation for real property.

