

**DIVERSION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
CITYCOMMISSIONS CHAMBER, FARGO CITY HALL
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018**

The Diversion Authority Public Outreach Committee met on April 25, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Fargo City Hall, Fargo, North Dakota.

The following Committee members were present:

Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Mike Thorstad, West Fargo City Commissioner; Rick Steen, Cass County Commissioner; Jacob Gust, Cass County Joint Water Resource District; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District (via telecom); and, Brenda Elmer, Moorhead City Council Member.

The following Committee members were absent: Gerald Van Amburg, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District; Jason Benson, Cass County Engineer; John Strand, Fargo City Commissioner.

Others present were: Rocky Schneider, Eric Dodds Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; Lynne Spaeth, Clay County Planning & Zoning.

Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

On motion by Rick Steen, seconded by Brenda Elmer, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the March 21, 2018 minutes as presented.

PLAN B OUTREACH

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS

Rocky Schneider informed the Committee that since March 9, they have offered approximately 21 presentations. Mayor Mahoney attended nearly all the meetings. Schneider felt that overall, the presentations were well received. Information will be posted on the website, including personal slides from each meeting.

FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATIONS

Draft correspondence was provided to the Committee regarding a summary of changes in Plan B that will be sent out to property owners in Stanley, Pleasant and Holy Cross Townships. Many suggestions were proposed. Moreover, information and a map of Plan

B will be enclosed with the correspondence. This will be especially helpful for the people who could not attend the meeting.

Eric Dodds interjected that generally, the meetings were well received and the residents appreciated new information. He suggested sending the correspondence to all landowners, not just the people impacted, because there is some confusion for people whether they are impacted or not.

It was suggested that the correspondence also contain information and the weblink.

NDSWC PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST RECAP

Schneider provided copies of the North Dakota Legislative Councils Meeting Notice for the June 13, 2018 Water Topics Overview Committee in Bismarck. The Fargo Diversion Project is included on the Agenda.

Options for financing and timing were addressed and considered. All options are on the table at this point.

The Committee agreed that proactive periodic communication with the legislative chairs would be positive and beneficial.

FMDiversion.com UPDATE AND ANALYTICS

Schneider provided the March 2018 Newsletter, Website and Public Comments Report. Since the new permit application, traffic has increased. The website was re-organized due to the numerous changes. Subscriptions to the Newsletter continue to slightly increase and the videos are popular. The March 16th press release for Plan B caused a large spike in activity. Schneider also provided a copy of the press release requesting to continue flood protection efforts in Fargo, Moorhead and Oxbow.

PROJECT EDUCATION RESOURCES ON FMDiversion.com

Schneider reported that the 'Three Questions Videos' were positive. More videos are planned with other individuals, capitalizing on the Task Force. A video with Dick Sundberg was taped in Harwood approximately 3 weeks ago and will be released next week.

CANDIDATE PROJECT BRIEFINGS

Discussion was held regarding contacting the candidates running for office and setting up briefings for the Diversion update.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Rodger Olson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lynne Spaeth
Clay County Planning & Zoning