

Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

1:00 P.M. – April 11, 2023
City of Fargo River Room

A meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee was held on April 11, 2023. The following members were present: Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner and Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner.

Member(s) absent: Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2023

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Carlson moved to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting and Mrs. Scherling seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the order of the agenda and Mrs. Scherling seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4. RECREATION TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Nicholson introduced the recreation task force development discussion. Lengthy dialogue centered around the questions of what we are able to do per the P3 agreement, what are the potential costs and what is the best way to proceed, if at all.

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Campbell moved to retain an independent consultant to work with staff to develop a list of acceptable items per the P3 agreement, not to exceed \$10,000 in consulting fees. Mayor Carlson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the motion carried.

5. MINNESOTA FUNDING AND LOBBYING EFFORTS

Mayor Carlson reported that they are still awaiting final word from the State of Minnesota regarding the \$11 million request for in-town projects.

6. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Mr. Bakkegard reported that the current focus is on the maintenance requirements for the main components of the project; a small group has been formed and they are assessing the requirements.

Mr. Barthel reported that he is investigating funding sources and availability but is awaiting a maintenance cost breakdown from the USACE to determine how this will affect long-term operations.

7. FLOOD FORECAST UPDATE

Mr. Boerboom reported that the National Weather Service has released their preliminary forecast and the crest prediction was not included in the release.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to report.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 9, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.