

## Joel Paulsen, PE, CFM

### *Executive Director*

Joel Paulsen, PE, is the executive director of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Joel brings a unique combination of professional experience and commitment, leading the development of a comprehensive flood management system for the Fargo-Moorhead metro area and surrounding communities.

A licensed professional engineer in North Dakota and Minnesota, Joel has more than two decades of hands-on engineering experience that is invaluable to the project.

A current Moorhead Public Service commissioner and a former Moorhead City Council member, Joel has served as the MFDA executive director since September 2019.

Paulsen previously served on the Moorhead City Council and was appointed by Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton to the Governors' Task Force in 2018. As a member of the Task Force, Paulsen was one of 16 local residents and experts asked to find solutions to achieve permanent flood protection for Fargo, Moorhead and the surrounding communities.

Paulsen grew up in Moorhead, Minnesota, and received a civil engineering degree from North Dakota State University. He and his wife have four children.

