

Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM –April 9, 2024

Hjemkomst Center, Willow Room

A meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee was held on April 9, 2024. The following members were present: Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Tony Grindberg, Cass County Commissioner and Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District.

Member(s) absent: no members were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2024

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Mahoney moved to approve the minutes from the February 2024 meeting and Mr. Grindberg seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Dardis moved to approve the order of the agenda and Mr. Grindberg seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4. MFDA GOVERNANCE POLICIES MONITORING PLAN

Mr. Paulsen reported that beginning in May, the governance policies will be reviewed on a monthly basis. This review will be a standing agenda item to ensure that the committee is following the policies and meeting expectations.

5. FEMA COORDINATION

Mr. Paulsen and Mr. Bakkegard reported that an introductory meeting was held with FEMA and the USACE regarding remapping of the flood plain. Mr. Bakkegard indicated that regular meetings will be held with FEMA, USACE and the DA to develop a planning document. The next meeting will be in September.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Olson shared his concerns regarding the issues with the gates. He indicated that if the gates did not work correctly and additional impacts to those upstream occurred, it would portray the DA as disseminating information that is not factual and we would not be doing what we said we were going to do.

7. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1 (2) and (9) for Attorney Consultation regarding a potential claim regarding ECR reasonably anticipated to be presented to the Technical Dispute Resolution Board as established by the Project Agreement for the Storm Water Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure.

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Grindberg moved to go into executive session and Mayor Mahoney seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the committee began executive session at 1:28 PM.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 7, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting resumed at 3 PM; Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn, and Mayor Dardis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3 PM.