

Metro Flood Diversion Authority Special Board of Authority Meeting Minutes

7:00 AM – April 11, 2024

Hjemkomst Center, Willow Room

A special meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board of Authority was held on April 11, 2024. The following members were present: Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo; Chad Peterson, Cass County Commissioner; Chuck Hendrickson, Moorhead City Council; Dave Piepkorn, Fargo City Commissioner; David Ebinger, Clay County Commissioner; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Tony Grindberg, Cass County Commissioner; John Strand, Fargo City Commissioner; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Larry Seljevold, Moorhead City Council.

Member(s) absent: no members were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:58 AM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Strand moved to amend agenda item 3 to include an action item to accept the Executive Director's resignation.

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Strand moved to approve the order of the agenda as amended and Mr. Piepkorn seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

3. REPORT FROM GENERAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Shockley asked for a motion that would allow him to negotiate a rate of pay with Mr. Paulsen should his testimony be needed for any litigation matters. Mr. Strand requested that the motion be divided into two parts. The first motion to accept the Executive Directors resignation and the second motion to authorize the chair and general counsel to negotiate a contract with the Executive Director for his time if he is called to testify in Diversion related matters.

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Mahoney moved to accept the Executive Director's resignation and Mr. Grindberg seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, with Mr. Piepkorn and Mr. Strand voting "nay", the motion carried.

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Mahoney moved to authorize the chair and general counsel to negotiate a contract rate with Mr. Paulsen for litigation matters requiring his testimony and Mr. Ebinger seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, with Mr. Piepkorn and Mr. Strand voting "nay", the motion carried.

4. UPDATE FROM CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS/DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING UPCOMING MEETINGS

Co-executive directors Redlinger and Wilson will be assisting with the continuity of operations in the absence of an executive director.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 25, 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 AM.