

Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

8:30 AM – October 4, 2024
Hjemkomst Center, Willow Room

A special meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee was held on October 4, 2024. The following members were present: Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Tony Grindberg, Cass County Commissioner and Rick Steen, Cass County Joint Water Resource District.

Member(s) absent: Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 8:56 AM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVE THE 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.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Carlson requested a motion to move into closed Executive Session pursuant to NDCC § 44-02-18.27 and NDCC § 44-04-19.2, to review and consider applications from individuals who have applied for the position of Executive Director.

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Campbell made a motion to move into closed Executive Session pursuant to NDCC § 44-02-18.27 and NDCC § 44-04-19.2, to review and consider applications from individuals who have applied for the position of Executive Director and Mr. Grindberg seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

The Planning Committee moved into a closed Executive Session at 8:58 AM and returned at 3:31 PM.

4. DESIGNATE FINALISTS FOR THE POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Upon return from Executive Session, Mayor Carlson queried if there was any direction from the Planning Committee.

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Grindberg moved to designate Mr. Jason Benson, Mr. Dennis Lambert and Mr. Dan Sundberg as finalists for the position. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Two additional items were requested by the Planning Committee:

- 1) Two of the three finalists have a conflict with attending interviews on October 18, 2024. The Committee asked staff to determine if the finalists and Board members are available to hold the interviews on October 24, 2024, with an extended Board meeting beginning at 1 PM.
- 2) The Committee also requested that along with questions for the finalists, the Co-Executive Directors and staff develop a tabletop exercise to be included in the interviews.

6. NEXT MEETING

The October 8, 2024, meeting was cancelled. The next regular meeting will be November 5, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.