

# Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM – March 12, 2026  
Fargo City Hall, Red River Room

A meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee was held on March 12, 2026. The following members were present: Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner and Tony Grindberg, Cass County Commissioner.

Member(s) absent: Shelly Carlson, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Rick Steen, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Roll call was taken; a quorum was not present.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES**

The February 2026 meeting minutes were not approved.

**3. APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The order of the agenda was not approved.

**4. O&M UPDATE**

Mr. Nicholson provided an update on the visit to the Winnipeg diversion. He reported that the structure was constructed in 1965, and they currently employ 53 staff members who are cross-trained and utilized across all areas of the project. Their diversion operates every two to three years.

They have encountered challenges with maintaining vegetation and supporting the farming community by managing the land. It was noted that hunting is not encouraged in the channel, but it is not totally banned. Snowmobiling is allowed by permit only. Crop damage claims are sent directly to their EMO office for determination and/or appeal.

**5. GOVERNANCE POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW**

Mr. Shockley provided an overview of the following governance policies, their purpose and intent. These policies are monitored by the Planning Committee and reviewed by the Board of Authority annually, per the annual work plan. There was brief dialogue around each policy, and no changes will be implemented.

**Governance Policies**

1. Commitments
2. Board Culture
3. Board Functions & Responsibilities

**Executive Director/Board Relationship Policies**

1. Single Point of Contact
2. Single Unit Control

**Operational Expectations Policies**

1. Executive Director – Head of Administrative Branch of the MFDA
2. Emergency Succession
3. Treatment of Community Members

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

There is a *tentative* plan to host a ceremony on May 5 or May 7 acknowledging the signing of the MFDA PPA amendment. Additional information is forthcoming.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be April 9, 2026.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.