# Metro Flood Diversion Authority/Red River Valley Alliance Technical Dispute Review Board Meeting Minutes

**9:00 AM – October 16, 2026**
**Virtual Meeting**

A virtual quarterly meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority/Red River Valley Alliance Technical Dispute Review Board (TDRB) was held on October 16, 2026. The following TDRB members were present: Joseph Allegro, Randy Hafer and Chris Kane.

Member(s) absent: no members were absent.

Others present: Chris Caparalli, RRVA legal counsel; John Shockley, MFDA legal counsel; Howard Swanson MFDA representative; Kris Bakkegard, MFDA engineering director; Maria Sanchez, RRVA; Jason Benson, MFDA executive director; Paul Barthel, Jacobs PMC, and Dawn Lindblom, MFDA recording secretary. No members of the public or media were present.

The meeting notice was posted online and on the entrance door of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority building as well as the meeting room.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Allegro called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. TDRB members acknowledged their presence, and a quorum was present. Others in attendance also introduced themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2026, MINUTES**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Mr. Allegro moved to approve the July 7, 2026, minutes and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Mr. Allegro moved to approve the order of the agenda as presented and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**4. PROJECT TEAMS DISCUSSIONS**

**a. Current Work Progress Status & Project Updates**

Mr. Barthel reported on the progress that has been achieved since the July 2026 meeting.

**O&M**

- Coordination meeting between O&M and Construction Team
  - Participation in meetings with Authority, Cass County and NDDOT
  - Attended environmental discussion and pre-activity meeting on proposed solution for aqueduct leakage
  - Participation in FEMA Certification deliverables discussion with Authority and outside agencies

    - Participated in workshop on SCADA, FWLMS and H&H/LOP
- Attended and participated in AAB key fob training as well as MEP systems
- Attended R76 & Reach 11 DET's (R3L) final inspection, Maple Spillway and Maple Sump area inspection
- Weekly roadway and non-agriculture land inspections (reports completed and uploaded into Aconex)
    - CMMS inspections completed on Drains 29, 30 Raymond South and Berlin, CR 32, CR 4/31, CR20, CR10, CR22, Reach 1, 2, 5 and 14, the Outlet, Rush and Lower Rush River Inlet
    - Verifying punch list items (related to upcoming ICEs) being repaired and adding items not previously listed
    - Detection of deficiencies on newly constructed portions of ROW (notification provided to ASN if deficiencies are found)
        - Follow-up reinspection

**Public Information Officer**

**Activity**

- Shared annual dashboard reporting with stakeholders
- Deployed news release for lane closures on CR 81 and CR 16/17 for asphalt repairs
- Working on presentation and hands-on activity for BrainSTEM
- Assisting with data and review of October event script

**Media Coverage (since last update)**

- Jason Benson interview with Jay Thomas
- Joel Heitkamp discussion

**PIMS (Public Information Management System)**

- Request for dirt
- Inquiry about a mowing contract
- Dust complaint –15th Street W

**Land Management**

- Review of weed control activity and discussion with construction group across entire project footprint
- Discussion with construction group and authority regarding design consideration related to road drainage elements
- Coordination with ASN related water issues created by construction activities – none currently
- Summary and discussion with RRVA and ASN regarding Authority concerns discussed during the monthly SWDCAI lands transition meeting
- Continued communication with Authority to address specific issues as identified
- Working through TCEs with ASN and landowners
    - Heiden Family Partnership
    - Stuart Johnson
    - Larry Roth
    - Rhoda Rabanus
- Two outstanding indemnity payments owed by ASN/Park Construction
    - James Hagensen (ASN)
    - Brett Odegaard (ASN/Park Construction)

**Channel Works**

- Main channel general excavation ongoing with focus on Reach 13
- Levee placement Reach 13
- Ongoing maintenance road aggregate placement at Reach 13 & 11
- Ongoing parking lot installation
- Seeding and tree planting in Reaches 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13
- Total excavated Volume to Date – 44.5 M CY

**Authority Administration Building**

- Primary work is complete and punch list work is ongoing; punch list items expected to be finalized within the next week

**Utilities**

- All relocation work is complete
- Final HDD grouting operations have been completed
- Punch list work is underway and nearing completion

**Aqueducts and Inlets – Current and Upcoming Work**

**Drain 14C**

- Installation of riprap under the bridge is on-going

**Maple Aqueduct**

- Installing cladding and a fireproof shaft for the vertical lift gate towers
- Connections for hoist on-going
- Installing electrical components in hoist house
- Programming of PLC's
- Started seepage remedial works at WW 5 & WW 6

**Maple Spillway**

- Grading at maintenance bridge approach slabs are complete
- Performed pre-commissioning of pneumatic gate
- Inspection walk through was performed on 10/8/2026

**Maple Pump Station**

- Inspection walk through was performed on 10/5/2026

**Sheyenne Aqueduct**

- Installing railings on wing walls and flume
- Installing cladding and a fireproof shaft for the vertical lift gate towers
- Installing electrical components in hoist house
- On-going installation of riprap for the ice retention structure
- Texcote and waterproofing for all maintenance bridges

**Raymond North Drain Inlet**

- Completed

**Raymond South Drain Inlet**

- Completed

**Drain 50**

- Completion of EarthWorks
- Remaining punch list complete
- Connection being completed

**Drain 21C**

- Completed

**Mapleton 24 Inlet**

- No on-going activities

**14B Inlet**

- Completed

**Bridges and Transportation (BNSF & Interstate)**

**BNSF Hillsboro**

- Minor punch list items remaining

**BNSF Prosper**

- Completed

**BNSF KO**

- Maintenance road installation and start of fencing
- Shoofly embankment removal complete; pending stockpile cleanup
- Punch list work ongoing

**I-29**

- Punch list work ongoing
- Permanent fence installation complete

**I-94**

- Punch list work ongoing
- Permanent fence installation ongoing

**Bridges and Transportation (County Roads)**

**CR-81**

- Bridge re-opened to traffic 7/2/2026
- Punch list work ongoing

**CR-32**

- Bridge open to traffic 12/17/2024
- All bridge and transportation work completed

**CR-22**

- Bridge open to traffic 3/5/2026
- All bridge and transportation work completed

**38th Street**

- Bridge open to traffic 12/17/2025
- Punch list work ongoing

**32nd Avenue**

- Bridge open to traffic 12/02/25
- Punch list work ongoing

**52nd Avenue**

- Bridge and transportation work completed
- Punch list work ongoing

**CR-6**

- Bridge open to traffic 6/2/2026
- Punch list work ongoing

**CR-14**

- Bridge open to traffic on 7/28/2026
- Punch list work ongoing

**CR-16/17**

- Bridge open to traffic 6/15/2026
- Punch list work ongoing

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**a. Next Virtual Meeting**

The next meeting will be held *virtually* in January 2027; TDRB board members will relay their availability to Mr. Shockley.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Allegro moved to adjourn, and Mr. Kane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.