

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 6, 2015

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District met on April 6, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present: Mark Brodshaug (by phone) and Dan Jacobson, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Rodger Olson, Maple River Water Resource District; Ken Lougheed, North Cass Water Resource District (by phone); Raymond Wolfer, Rush River Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer (by phone); Michelle Anderson, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks and Chris McShane, Attorneys for the Board; Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Eric Dodds, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S); Mayor Jim Nyhof, City of Oxbow; and Paul Breen, Fargo resident.

Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee Project / 2015 construction and permitting

Chris McShane and Chris Gross updated the Board on the Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee Project (the "Project") and the property necessary to conduct construction activities during the 2015 construction season of the outfall for the storm sewer component of the Project; property necessary to construct a pump station; and property necessary for purposes of relocating utilities to accommodate the Project.

Discussion was held on permit timeline, annexation process, current landowner negotiations, property acquired, and potential conflicts.

Mayor Jim Nyhof stated the City of Oxbow (the "City") has been talking about annexation of particular property for the last couple of years and discussed the advantages to the City for future incoming properties needing water and sewer.

Mr. Fredricks recommended the Board send a *Letter of Request* and *Annexation Plat Map* to Mayor Jim Nyhof and outlined the importance of the City of Oxbow to annex the entire Project footprint into the City to ensure protection of the Project; to accommodate efficient operation and maintenance of the Project; to maintain control of the use of the property via zoning; and to ensure the City of Oxbow's ability to enforce its police powers.

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Jacobson to approve and authorize Manager Jacobson to sign the letter of request to the City of Oxbow to immediately annex a total of 65.66 acres into the City, including 49.81 acres Cass County Joint Water Resource District recently acquired, with the understanding that 1.87 of the

remaining acres are highway right of way to accommodate Cass County Highway 81. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on a record request by a landowner in Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Wolfer, seconded by Manager Brodshaug, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Mark Brodshaug
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer