

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
DECEMBER 21, 2015

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District met on December 21, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Mark Brodshaug (by phone) and Dan Jacobson, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Rodger Olson, Maple River Water Resource District (by phone); Raymond Wolfer, Rush River Water Resource District; Ken Lougheed, North Cass Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Michelle Anderson, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks and Lukas Andrud, Attorneys for the Board (by phone); Eric Dodds and Tanaya Reitz, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S); Jeremy Higgins, CH2M HILL Engineers, Inc.; and Jason Benson, Cass County Engineer.

Chairman Brodshaug requested Manager Jacobson conduct the meeting.

Metro Flood Diversion Project / 2016 Budget

Eric Dodds presented and briefly reviewed the *Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Summary* for the Metro Flood Diversion Project. The proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget is \$237.5 million, including \$96.3 million carryover from Fiscal Year 2015 and \$141.2 million in new allocations. Most of the budget is allocated for land acquisition and construction. The proposed budget is contingent on the final *Environmental Impact Statement* from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and lifting of the preliminary injunction regarding the Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee Project.

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for the Metro Flood Diversion Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Metro Flood Diversion Project / Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke Ring Levee Project / In Town Levees Project / land acquisition

Discussion was held on land acquisition for the Metro Flood Diversion Project inlet structure, which will be located immediately south of the intersection of Cass County Highways 16 and 17. Mr. Dodds stated the land acquisition team met with the Corps of Engineers to discuss the construction timeline and federal funding. Jason Benson agreed to be the initial contact to meet with property owners in this location.

It was moved by Manager Lougheed seconded by Manager Olson to approve and authorize Chairman Brodshaug to sign *Task Order No. 2, Amendment 6*, for Houston-Moore Group, LLC to increase the budget \$273,000 for a total of \$2,507,047 for land acquisition services regarding the Metro Flood Diversion Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Wolfer and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve and authorize Manager Jacobson to sign the *Purchase Agreement* for OIN #9168 regarding the In Town Levees Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Olson left the meeting at this time.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Brodshaug to approve payment of Checks #12454 through #12460, and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Brodshaug, Jacobson, Lougheed, and Wolfer. Manager Olson was absent. Manager Jacobson declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Mark Brodshaug
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer