

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
EMBDEN SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
EMBDEN, NORTH DAKOTA
AUGUST 30, 2016
9:00 A.M.

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District met on August 30, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Embden Senior Citizen Center, Embden, North Dakota.

Present were Mark Brodshaug and Dan Jacobson, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Jacob Gust, Rush River Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat and Jeff Brown, Engineers for the Board; and those whose names appear on the attached roster.

Lake Bertha Flood Control Project No. 75

Chairman Brodshaug called the Lake Bertha Flood Control District No. 75 Project Hearing to order and made introductions.

Mike Opat said the purpose of the Project Hearing was to present and discuss Lake Bertha Flood Control Project No. 75. He explained that questions and concerns relating to the proposed assessments would be considered at an Assessment Hearing, if there is a successful vote on the project.

Mr. Opat reviewed project benefits, features, estimated cost and proposed assessments. Water from the project will outlet at Embden Dam, as it currently does. The project would lower the level of Lake Bertha from 1089.0 or 1090.0 to 1086.0 and would not be operated during times of flooding. An operating plan would be in place.

Potential cost-share from the State Water Commission, Red River Joint Water Resource District, Cass County Highway Department and the Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee was reviewed. Mr. Opat pointed out that the local share to be paid by the assessment district would be quite small.

The proposed assessment district boundary was reviewed. Mr. Opat pointed out there is no overlap of this district and the Pontiac Township Improvement District No. 73 assessment district. Mr. Opat reviewed the voting process and explained that only the ballots returned are counted. If more than 50% of the votes received are in favor of the project, the vote passes. Ballots are due in the Cass County Joint Water Resource District office by 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2016.

Mr. Opat responded to questions regarding project features. The intent is to keep the pipe as close to the road ditch as possible.

Project maintenance was discussed. Mr. Opat explained the Water Resource District determines if a maintenance levy is needed on an annual basis and tries to keep it as low as possible.

Property owners will be contacted where right of way is needed for the project. They will be compensated for any property needed.

Sean Fredricks encouraged property owners to contact him or the Cass County Joint Water Resource District if there are any ownership issues related to the ballots they received. He explained if more than one owner is listed on a ballot, they all need to sign it to receive the full weight of the ballot. He also pointed out only original ballots are accepted. They cannot be copied, faxed or emailed. Mr. Fredricks reiterated the ballots are due in the Cass County Joint Water Resource District office by 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2016.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Mark Brodshaug
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer