

MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
PAGE AUDITORIUM  
PAGE, NORTH DAKOTA  
APRIL 7, 2010

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met April 7, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Page Auditorium, Page, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Rodger Olson and Wesley Beilke, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Greg Thykeson, Tor Bergstrom and Jill Borth, Steele County Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels and Kurt Lysne, Engineers for the Board and those whose names appear on the attached roster.

Manager Suhr called the meeting to order.

**Upper Maple River Dam**

Chad Engels and Kurt Lysne presented information relating to the Upper Maple River Dam. A copy of the presentation is on file at the Maple River Water Resource District office. Another public meeting will be held after the permit is received from the Corps of Engineers.

Right-of-way acquisition and project funding were discussed.

Someone asked why Sussex Dam would be destroyed after this dam is built. Mr. Engels explained that \$400,000 of maintenance is needed at Sussex Dam and the benefit would no longer carry on downstream.

It was asked what percentage of water going under I-94 would be held back with the Upper Maple River Dam. Mr. Engels said that is not known yet.

Property owners living close to the proposed dam site expressed concern. Mr. Engels said they would experience less flow by their property with the dam in place.

Mr. Engels addressed questions about soil stability and design. He said it is a safe design that goes through rigorous analysis and permitting. Manager Olson added that the state also reviews the design.

Someone in attendance asked why there is water over the road one mile east of Sussex Dam. Mr. Engels said it is probably local run-off rather than back-up water from Sussex Dam. He pointed out that water would be lower in the Sussex Dam area if the Upper Maple River Dam was in place because the Upper Maple River Dam would be at a lower elevation.

Extreme rain events were discussed. Mr. Engels said extreme events are built into the design. The water would go over the spillway and flows would be less than they are today.

The Board thanked everyone for attending and invited them to review the maps on display and to ask any additional questions they may have about the project.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Thykeson and seconded by Manager Olson to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be considered, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

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Jurgen Suhr  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer