

MINUTES OF SPECIAL AUDIO CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
MAY 6, 2014

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District held a special audio conference call meeting on May 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Participating by phone were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Rodger Olson and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Tor Bergstom and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District; Jill Borth, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County Water Resource District; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; and William Brudvik, Attorney for the Steele County Water Resource District. Present at the Cass County Highway Department were Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brittany C. Moen, Administrative Assistant; and Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority.

Chairman Suhr called the meeting to order.

**Upper Maple River Dam**

Mike Opat reviewed the voting results for the Upper Maple River Dam and said the vote has passed.

It was moved by Manager Thykeson and seconded by Manager Ihry to approve the *Certificate of Secretary* regarding the Upper Maple River Dam, as amended. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Additional minutes relating to the Upper Maple River Dam are attached hereto.

Mr. Opat said the Cass County Sales Flood Tax Committee has approved 50% cost-share of eligible local costs for the Upper Maple River Dam.

It was moved by Manager Melvin and seconded by Manager Olson to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the development of final plans and specifications for the Upper Maple River Dam. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Opat said the project permit from the Corps of Engineers has been fully executed. He will meet with the Office of the State Engineer tomorrow on the state permit for the Upper Maple River Dam. He will keep the Board updated on the matter.

Mr. Opat discussed right-of-way for the project and said appraisals on required properties have been completed. He explained the process in which the appraiser used to value property.

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Thykeson to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with necessary right-of-way and land acquisition negotiations regarding the Upper Maple River Dam. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Olson thanked the Steele County Water Resource District and the Barnes County Water Resource District for working together with the Maple River Water Resource District. He said the Maple River Water Resource District would be willing to work with both Boards in the future on any potential projects.

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED:

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Jurgen Suhr  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer