

MINUTES OF SPECIAL AUDIO CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on September 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, Fargo, North Dakota.

Participating by telephone were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Sean M. Fredricks and Lukas D. Andrud, Attorneys for the Board; and Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board. Present at the Cass County Highway Department were Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer and Julie Zaeske Norman, Administrative Assistant. Manager Rodger Olson, Maple River Water Resource District and Managers Tor Bergstrom and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District, were absent.

A special meeting was held to discuss land acquisitions associated with the construction of the Upper Maple River Dam.

No action was taken at the meeting due to lack of a quorum; however, discussion was held on the agenda items.

**Permanent Easements**

Mike Opat reported that signatures have been secured on Purchase Agreements from three property owners. A meeting was held with Ralph Thompson wherein he expressed concerns and said he would like to meet with the Board. Chairman Suhr will contact Mr. Thompson to address his concerns.

The meeting with Mike Whitmore resulted in a request by the property owner to meet with the Board. Managers Ihry and Jurgen will follow up with Mr. Whitmore.

**Land Acquisition – Zerface Property**

Sean Fredricks and Lukas Andrud reported on meetings held with Tammy Norgard of the Vogel Law Firm, attorney for the Zerface family. Ms. Norgard presented a counter offer, requesting mineral interests and the right of first refusal if the property is ever offered for sale. Further discussion was tabled.

**Carpenter Township Agreement**

Mr. Opat met with Carpenter Township officials to discuss the project and encountered no issues. Discussion of the Carpenter Township *Agreement* was tabled until the next meeting.

**Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Jurgen Suhr  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer