

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
OCTOBER 17, 2014

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on October 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean M. Fredricks, Lukas D. Andrud and Christopher M. McShane, Attorneys for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board and Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority. Present by telephone were: Rodger Olson and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District. Tor Bergstrom, Steele County Water Resource District, was absent.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Ihry, seconded by Manager Melvin and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 7, August 13, September 16, September 19, September 26 and October 2, 2014, meetings, as presented.

Upper Maple River Dam - land acquisition

Mike Opat updated the Board on the status of the land acquisition for the Upper Maple River Dam project. The Board directed the Water Resource District Attorney to negotiate the purchase of the Kim Hanson property. Ralph and Cleo Thompson are hiring an appraiser to conduct another appraisal on pasture land.

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Thykeson to approve and authorize Chairman Suhr to sign the *Purchase Agreement* with Michael G. and Cynthia A. Whitmore and the *Purchase Agreement* with Hazel Overland regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam – Application No. 2452

It was moved by Manager Thykeson and seconded by Manager Olson that no further comment be submitted in response to the letter from the Office of the State Engineer dated October 7, 2014, regarding *Application No. 2452* for the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam - Lease Agreement with Harold J. Zerface and Rebecca L. Zerface

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve the *Lease Agreement* with Harold J. Zerface and Rebecca L. Zerface regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Ihry, seconded by Manager Melvin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Jurgen Suhr
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer