

MINUTES OF MEETING
NORTH CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MARCH 24, 2015

The North Cass Water Resource District met on March 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Wes Ecker, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Ken Lougheed, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Kurt Lysne, Engineer for the Board; Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; and Adam Grothmann, Northern States Excavating, Inc.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Services Contract

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve the *Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services – Task Order Edition* between Rush River Water Resource District and Moore Engineering, Inc. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve Task Order No. 1 for engineering services with Moore Engineering, Inc. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #55 Channel Improvements

Kurt Lysne reviewed the bid tabulation for the Drain #55 Channel Improvements Project. Twelve bids were received. Cost-share has been approved through the State Water Commission and right of way is in place for the project.

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to award the contract for the Drain #55 Channel Improvements Project to Northern States Excavating, Inc., for the low bid of \$122,079.50. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the State Water Commission *Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement* regarding the Drain #55 Channel Improvements Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FM Flood Risk Management District No. 1 - ballots

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to authorize the Chairman to vote “yes” and to sign the FM Flood Risk Management District No. 1 ballots on behalf of the North Cass Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund – proxy for annual meeting

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the proxy relating to the North Dakota Reserve Fund annual meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of Checks #3975 through #3984 and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Ecker, Thompson, and Lougheed. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Legislative Update

Sean Fredricks updated the Board on quick-take HB 1095. The Office of the State Engineer initiated HB 1095 to clean up language in the drainage complaint statutes, but proposed amendment language would end quick-take authority for Water Resource Districts. Mr. Fredricks has met with the State Water Commission staff to discuss HB 1095 and its impact on Water Resource Districts. An amendment was offered at the hearing on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

Drainage concerns in the NW 1/4 of Section 9 in Gardner Township

Jack Wagner contacted Chairman Ecker with concerns about drainage being obstructed by construction of a new home next to his property in the NW 1/4 of Section 9 in Gardner Township. It is uncertain if the contractor received a plat prior to construction. A complaint has not been filed; therefore, no action is needed at this time. Chairman Ecker will encourage Mr. Wagner to work with the contractor on the matter. If the matter cannot be resolved, Mr. Wagner could file a written complaint with the Water Resource District.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Wes Ecker
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer