

MINUTES OF MEETING
NORTH CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 28, 2016

The North Cass Water Resource District met on June 28, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Wes Ecker, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Ken Lougheed, Manager (by phone); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathy Grueneich, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; and Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #23 Channel Improvements

Mike Opat informed the Board their office is in the process of verifying right of way on Drain #23 in Section 12 of Wisner Township. Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. has a 6-inch high-pressured petroleum products pipeline that crosses Drain #23 perpendicularly through this area and they have expressed concern about the project.

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve the *Resolution of Necessity regarding Cass County Drain No. 23 Improvement Project*. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto.

Manager Thompson made a motion to accept the \$4,500 per acre desktop appraisal regarding the Drain #23 Channel Improvements Project. Manager Lougheed seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Application to Install a Subsurface Drain #20161 for Jerry A. Meyers in Sections 19 and 30 of Dows Township and Section 24 of Page Township

Mr. Opat said there has been no further action regarding *Application to Install a Subsurface Drain #20161* for Jerry A. Meyers in Sections 19 and 30 of Dows Township and Section 24 of Page Township and agreed this item could be taken off the agenda.

Karen Jewett – request for a permit from Bell Township to build a house in the SW 1/4 of Section 21

The board discussed Karen Jewett's request for a permit from Bell Township to build a house on property located in the SW 1/4 of Section 21. Manager Ecker noted the property is near the Elm River and Drain #55. Manager Ecker had concerns with the 20' grade in this area and pointed out that when the culverts are still frozen in the spring and the Elm River overflows, the water comes close to the property. The Board concurred with the recommendation of the Bell Township Board of Supervisors to build the foundation 18" higher than the township road adjacent to the property.

Project WET 2016

Sponsorship of educators/youth leaders for Project WET 2016 was discussed briefly but no action was taken.

2015 Audit

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve the 2015 Audit of the North Cass Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2017 budget and 2016 maintenance levy assessments

Discussion and action on the 2017 budget and 2016 maintenance levy assessments was tabled until Manager Lougheed could be in attendance.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of Checks #4102 through #4111 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Ecker, Thompson and Lougheed. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Animal damage control on the Elm River on the north side of Section 23 in Bell Township

Manager Lougheed reported on animal damage control on the Elm River, south of the bridge on the north side of Section 23 in Bell Township.

Proposed study by Elm River Joint Water Resource District on replacement of the principal spillway pipe on Elm River Dam #1

Mr. Opat reported that the Elm River Joint Water Resource District has requested cost-share from the State Water Commission and Red River Joint Water Resource District to study the replacement of the existing 30" principal spillway pipe on Elm River Dam #1 with a 48" diameter pipe. The dam is located 4 miles northwest of Galesburg in Steele County.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Wes Ecker
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer