

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NORTH CASS AND RUSH RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
JANUARY 10, 2011

The North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District Board met on January 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Michael R. Buringrud, Chairman; Robert Thompson and Wesley Ecker, North Cass Water Resource District; Raymond Wolfer and William A. Hejl (by phone), Rush River Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Kimberly Bomstad, Accounting Tech/Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels, Engineer for the Board; Kevin Gorder, North Dakota Department of Transportation; Greg Thielman and Jeremy McLaughlin, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Keith Berndt, Cass County Engineer; Tom Soucy and Jason Benson, Cass County Highway Department; Chuck Sorvaag, property owner in Berlin Township and Dane Larsen, property owner in Raymond Township.

**Reorganization of the Board for 2011**

It was moved by Manager Buringrud and seconded by Manager Hejl to appoint Raymond Wolfer as Chairman of the North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District for calendar year 2011. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Buringrud, Thompson, Ecker and Hejl. Manager Wolfer abstained. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Ecker to appoint Michael R. Buringrud as Vice Chairman of the North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District for calendar year 2011. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Buringrud and seconded by Manager Wolfer to appoint Carol Harbeke Lewis as Secretary-Treasurer of the North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District for calendar year 2011. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Improvements to I-29 from Argusville north**

Kevin Gorder said the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is planning to make improvements to the north bound lanes of I-29 from Argusville to approximately two miles north of Gardner. The improvements will attempt to keep the driving lanes out of a 50-year flood event.

Chad Engels reviewed information about openings in I-29, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and Cass County Highway 81. The openings through the railroad and county highway would need to be improved along with the openings through I-29, but more analysis would be needed to determine the sizing needed.

Chuck Sorvaag would like to see the ditch block remain on the west side of I-29 in the NE 1/4 of Section 1 in Berlin Township.

Keith Berndt said Cass County is looking at re-grading Cass County Highway 4 from Cass County Highway 11 to Cass County Highway 81. They will also be looking at culvert sizing into I-29 in conjunction with that project.

Mr. Engels will continue to communicate with the NDDOT on the matter.

**Drain #13 extensions**

The Board will schedule a meeting with landowners in February to discuss extensions to Drain #13.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Buringrud to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED:

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Raymond Wolfer  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer