

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The Rush River Water Resource District met on February 16, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were William A. Hejl, Chairman; Richard Sundberg, Manager; Jacob Gust, Manager (by phone); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasury; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Tim Iwen, Arthur resident; and Kyle Faught, Amenia Township resident.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Sundberg, seconded by Manager Gust and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016, meeting.

Brewer Lake-Erie Dam – Operation and Maintenance Agreement / stop log structure / valve stem replacement

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to approve the *Operation and Maintenance Agreement* regarding Brewer Lake-Erie Dam and to submit it to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the North Dakota State Water Commission, and the Cass County Board of Park Commissioners for consideration. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

State Water Plan for the 2017-2019 biennium – projects / programs to submit

Moore Engineering, Inc. is compiling a list of projects / programs to submit for the State Water Plan for the 2017-2019 biennium. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Reports / updates

Manager Gust reported that the Cass County Joint Water Resource District continues to acquire property and remove existing buildings for the In Town Levees Project. The Corps of Engineers will begin building the Metro Flood Diversion Project inlet structure, south of Horace, to meter the amount of water being let into the diversion. The Cass County Joint Water Resource District is responsible for acquiring the property needed for the inlet project. The Corps of Engineers has selected the Metro Flood Diversion Project as one of six projects that will begin construction in 2016 and \$5 million has been allocated by Congress to start the construction.

Manager Sundberg reported that the Red River Joint Water Resource District approved cost-share regarding the Wild Rice-Bois de Sioux-Antelope Creek Retention Site Study.

Mr. Fredricks requested the presence and support of water managers at the Water Topics Overview Committee meeting in Bismarck on March 8, 2016, regarding quick-take.

Manager Sundberg reported that the Rush River Watershed Planning Team has identified problem areas in the watershed. The next meeting is scheduled on February 23, 2016.

Administration

As recommended by the Cass County Joint Water Resource District, it was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to match the current Red River Joint Water Resource District Per Diem rate of \$135, retroactive to January 1, 2016. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve payment of Checks #4131 through #4137, and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Hejl, Sundberg and Gust. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

William A. Hejl
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer