

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MARCH 15, 2016

The Rush River Water Resource District met on March 15, 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; and Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Sundberg, seconded by Manager Hejl and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016, meeting.

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

Mike Opat reviewed a list of projects and programs to submit to the State Water Plan for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Drain inspections

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to inspect Rush River Water Resource District facilities. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Gust joined the meeting by phone.

Weed, cattail and brush control

It was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to hire Dakota Helicopters, Inc. to provide aerial and ground spraying services for weed, cattail, tree and brush control on Rush River Water Resource District facilities for 2016. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Metro Flood Diversion Project correspondence

The Board reviewed the letter sent to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* offering comments and information on behalf of the Cass County Water Resource Districts and any regulatory authority each board has with respect to the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

Reports / updates

Manager Gust reported that the Cass County Joint Water Resource District is in discussion with the Cass County Highway Department regarding possible locations of bridge crossings over the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

The *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* is expected from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in May.

Manager Sundberg reported that the Rush River Watershed Planning Team approved an amended *Purpose and Need Statement* and will be looking at potential solutions at future meetings. Manager Hejl suggested contacting the Mayor of Amenia about participation on the team.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to approve payment of Checks #4138 through #4143, and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Hejl, Sundberg and Gust. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund – proxy for annual meeting

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the proxy relating to the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund annual 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:

William A. Hejl
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer