

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 17, 2016

The Rush River Water Resource District met on May 17, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were William A. Hejl, Chairman; Richard Sundberg, Manager; Jacob Gust, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasury; Michelle Anderson, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Jay Meyer, property owner in Harmony Township; Aubrey Zuger, Attorney for Jay Meyer; and David Strand, Amenia resident.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Gust, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016, meeting.

Drain No. 2 Improvement Project No. 2015-02

Mike Opat and Brady Woodard updated the Board on Drain No. 2 Improvement Project No. 2015-02. Mr. Opat presented two scenarios for replacement of the low water crossing on Jay Meyer's property in Section 14 of Harmony Township regarding the project. Options include over excavation for a stock pond or the installation of a weir. Discussion was held on the purpose of the project, the permitting required, access, the construction timeline, cost, and the impact of each option. Mr. Meyer said he wants to retain as much as the current conditions on his property as possible. He also expressed concern about getting to his crop if the project starts before harvest. Mr. Woodard stated a temporary crossing could be constructed for Mr. Meyer. Delaying the project could make it more difficult to find a contractor to do the work and there could also be issues with the weather later in the year. Mr. Meyer indicated he preferred the weir option.

It was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to direct the Water Resource District Engineer and the Water Resource District Attorney to begin the process to obtain the permits necessary to construct a weir in Section 14 of Harmony Township regarding Drain No. 2 Improvement Project No. 2015-02. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Details relating to the project will be set out in an agreement with Mr. Meyer upon receipt of the project permits.

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

The Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee approved cost-share for repairs and improvements to the primary control structure at Erie Dam.

Reports / updates

Manager Gust reported the Cass County Joint Water Resource District is acquiring land for the Metro Flood Diversion Project inlet structure south of Horace. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has recently released the final *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS). The EIS did not identify any additional reasonable alternatives to the Metro Flood Diversion Project, but does have concerns regarding mitigation and the impact of the area upstream of the dam.

Manager Sundberg reported a Red River Joint Water Resource District meeting will be held next month.

Manager Sundberg stated the next Rush River Watershed Planning Team meeting will be held in July to review the information being developed by Moore Engineering, Inc.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve payment of Checks #4159 through #4164, 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.

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