

MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JULY 19, 2012

The Southeast Cass Water Resource District met on July 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Mark Brodshaug, Chairman; Dan Jacobson, Manager; Lance Yohe, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels, Lee Beauvais and Kurt Lysne, Engineers for the Board; Jacob Gust, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1 Superintendent; George Grossman, City of West Fargo; Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority; and Roger Hagen, Houston Engineering, Inc.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2012, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of agenda order

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to approve the order of the agenda, as amended. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Wild Rice Bank Stabilization and Improvement Project No. 2011-1

Roger Hagen informed the Board their surveyor marked the elevation at the sheet pile for Wild Rice Bank Stabilization and Improvement Project No. 2011-1, but there was too much dirt in the way to stake the rest of the project. The contractor was directed to use 6:1 slopes, but the plans were not followed. Approximately 2-4' of dirt needs to be removed from the site. Houston Engineering, Inc. will stake the work that needs to be done and the contractor can complete it in early August. Mr. Hagen said the work will take 3-5 days and will all be done at no additional cost to the project.

Chairman Brodshaug asked if more sheet pile should be installed by the rip-rap with the slides happening so quickly. Mr. Hagen believes by removing the weight, it should be fine and recommended trying this first. If more slides develop, they will need to look further at the design / soils.

Drain #27 – water ponding south of 52nd Avenue South

Lee Beauvais said they looked into the reason why water was ponding in Drain #27, south of 52nd Avenue South. The as-built plans for work completed to the north by the

City of Fargo do not match up, so approximately 1–1.5' of water is being held back. To correct the situation, at least a mile of Drain #27 would need to be cleaned out north of 52nd Avenue South. The Board decided not to pursue any work at this time, due to the cost.

River Bank Stabilization on the Sheyenne River near Normanna Church

Sean Fredricks spoke with Hank Trangsrud about the river bank stabilization project on the Sheyenne River near Normanna Church and it appears they still want to proceed. Chairman Brodshaug said the church congregation approved signing a Petition and deposit to proceed with the project. Mr. Fredricks will follow up with Mr. Trangsrud on the matter.

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects – levee recertification

Kurt Lysne reported that Braun Intertec has started soils work for the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects levee recertification. He reviewed the cost estimate for the project and reviewed funding from the State Water Commission.

The following was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe:

- To authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Districts levee recertification, as outlined;
- To submit remaining project costs to the State Water Commission for cost share consideration; and
- To approve the *State Water Commission Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement for the Geotechnical Analysis for the Recertification of the Horace to West Fargo Diversion Levee System*.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #10 Improvements at 12th Avenue North

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to authorize the Water Resource District Attorney to draft a License Agreement with Sysco Corporation regarding the proposed improvements to Drain #10 at 12th Avenue North in Fargo. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Wild Rice River Watershed Comprehensive Retention Plan

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to submit a request for cost share to the State Water Commission and to approve the Cost-Share Agreement with the Red River Joint Water Resource District regarding the Wild Rice River Watershed Comprehensive Retention Plan. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Lower Sheyenne River Watershed Retention Plan

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to approve the Cost-Share Agreement with the Red River Joint Water Resource District regarding the Lower Sheyenne River Watershed Retention Plan. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ransom County Water Resource District has asked to be included with the project. The Board will continue to communicate with the Ransom and Richland County Water Resource Districts on the matter.

Bois de Sioux retention

Mr. Engels reviewed information on the Bois de Sioux Watershed, consisting of 68 square miles, and the additional storage that Study Site 1 could provide. When the report is completed, a Richland-Cass Joint Water Resource District meeting will be scheduled.

Natural Resource Conservation Service Critical Area Treatment Sites 31A and 31B

Chairman Brodshaug was notified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service that the 25-year operation and maintenance agreement has expired on Critical Area Treatment Sites 31A and 31B in Harwood Township. Mr. Engels will look into the matter further and report back to the Board.

Sheyenne River dikes between Horace and West Fargo

The Board was contacted by a property owner about removing a dike along the Sheyenne River in a residential neighborhood. The Water Resource District Engineer was directed to look into the matter.

Dike Applications for the City of Fargo

It was moved by Manager Jacobson and seconded by Manager Yohe to send a letter to the State Engineer recommending approval of the following dike applications for the City of Fargo, subject to review by the Water Resource District Engineer:

- #2372 in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 30 in Barnes Township
- #2373 in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 11 in Barnes Township

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Utility Permit for Cass County Electric Cooperative to install underground power cables under Rose Coulee on the west side of South University Drive

It was moved by Manager Yohe and seconded by Manager Jacobson to approve the *Utility Permit* for Cass County Electric Cooperative to install underground power cables under Rose Coulee on the west side of South University Drive, upon review of the Water Resource District Engineer. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Preserve at West Fargo

The Board directed the Water Resource District Engineer to look into the sale of property in the Preserve at West Fargo that adjoins Water Resource District property.

Pledges of Assets

It was moved by Manager Jacobson to approve the following Pledges of Assets:

Alerus Financial (as per agreement of March 7, 1996)

Manager Yohe seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Yohe and seconded by Manager Jacobson to approve payment of Checks #10386 through #10401 and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Brodshaug, Jacobson and Yohe. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Jacobson, seconded by Manager Yohe and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Mark Brodshaug
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer