

**FLOOD DIVERSION BOARD OF AUTHORITY
MARCH 31, 2016—3:30 PM**

1. MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Flood Diversion Board of Authority was held Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 3:30 PM in the Fargo City Commission Room with the following members present: Cass County Commission representative Darrell Vanyo via conference call; Cass County Commissioner Mary Scherling; West Fargo City Commissioner Mike Thorstad; Fargo City Mayor Tim Mahoney; Fargo City Commissioner Mike Williams; Fargo City Commissioner Melissa Sobolik; Cass County Joint Water Resource District Manager Rodger Olson; Clay County Commissioner Kevin Campbell; and Moorhead City Council Member Nancy Otto. Also present was ex-officio member Breanna Paradeis-Kobiela, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District.

Staff members and others present: Cass County Administrator Keith Berndt; Fargo City Administrator Bruce Grubb; Moorhead City Manager Mike Redlinger; Clay County Administrator Brian Berg; Cass County Engineer Jason Benson; Fargo City Director of Engineering Mark Bittner; Fargo City Engineer April Walker; Moorhead City Engineer Bob Zimmerman; Mark Nisbet, Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Task Force; Martin Nicholson, CH2M; Bruce Spiller, CH2M; Terry Williams, Project Manager, Corps of Engineers.

2. MINUTES APPROVED

MOTION, passed

Mrs. Scherling moved and Mr. Campbell seconded to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. AGENDA ORDER

MOTION, passed

Mrs. Scherling moved and Mr. Olson seconded to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

4. 2016 PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

Mr. Nicholson said from 2012 to 2016 the project cost estimate increased by \$350 million. The increase is attributed to cost escalation, and changes in construction scope, land costs and soft costs.

Mr. Vanyo said the presentation provides answers regarding the total project cost estimate compared to four years ago, and the reasons for the increase. The information provided today serves as a new starting point for a financial analysis to begin.

Ms. Sobolik asked about the next step with Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors. Mr. Nicholson said they will provide a financial plan using the estimate along with revenue sources to determine long-term affordability for the project. He anticipates the analysis will be completed within the next month.

Mr. Williams said the updated cost estimate is in line with the 3% cost of living adjustment experienced over the last four years. He emphasized the need for permanent flood protection provided by the project and said this information provides a baseline to use.

Ms. Otto said property values have increased in the metro area over the last four years and suggested those figures also be updated to determine the total property value that will be protected by the project.

MOTION, passed

Ms. Sobolik moved and Ms. Otto seconded to receive and file the 2016 cost estimate update. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 3:30 PM.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION, passed

**On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Sobolik, and all voting in favor,
the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.**

Minutes prepared by Heather Worden, Cass County Administrative Assistant