

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
NORTH CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

A virtual / conference call meeting of the North Cass Water Resource District was held on February 22, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Present were Wes Ecker, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Ken Lougheed, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Nina Stone, Accountant; Melissa Maertens, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Kurt Lysne, Brady Woodard and Pat Downs, Moore Engineering, Inc.

**Agenda and Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Thompson, seconded by Manager Lougheed and unanimously carried to approve the order of the agenda and the minutes of the January 25, 2022, meeting, as presented.

**Metro Flood Diversion Project**

Sean Fredricks stated Dylan Brown, the point of contact for the P3 developer regarding the Metro Flood Diversion Project, plans to attend a future Water Resource District meeting to introduce himself and answer any questions the Water Resource District may have at this time regarding the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

**Drain #18 extension in Sections 7 and 8 of Kinyon Township**

Kurt Lysne updated the Board on the Drain #18 extension in Sections 7 and 8 of Kinyon Township. The project design is complete and Moore Engineering, Inc. is continuing negotiations regarding right of way for the project.

Mr. Fredricks stated there were wetland easements previously acquired by the Cass County Drain Board, prior to creation of the Water Resource Districts, as part of a previous project on Drain #18 that are no longer needed and could be released. It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Lougheed to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Releases of Easement and present them to the Cass County Commission for consideration. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Drain #32 – request to borrow material from the berm in the SE 1/4 of Section 27 in Noble Township**

Mr. Fredricks drafted an agreement regarding the request from John Christensen to borrow material from the Drain #32 berm in the SE 1/4 of Section 27 in Noble Township.

Following discussion, the Board directed Brady Woodard to present the agreement to Mr. Christensen for consideration and bring the signed agreement to a future meeting for the Board's consideration.

**2023 Water Development Plan – request from the North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR) / State Water Commission to identify potential water development projects, the timing of their implementation and estimated costs**

Mr. Lysne briefly discussed a letter from the NDDWR regarding the identification of potential water development projects, the timing of their implementation and estimated costs for inclusion in the 2023 Water Development Plan. A list of potential North Cass Water Resource District projects to submit to the DWR for the 2023 Water Development Plan will be brought to a future meeting for consideration.

**Letter from the Cass County Commission seeking input on potential flood risk reduction projects to submit for Cass County Flood Sales Tax funding consideration**

Discussion was held on potential North Cass Water Resource District projects that may request funding through the Cass County Flood Sales Tax. Mr. Lysne will work with Jason Benson, Cass County Engineer, to develop a list of potential projects throughout the County for consideration.

**Animal Damage Control rates**

The Secretary-Treasurer indicated JAC Predator and Large Pest Control has requested a rate increase due to the increase in cost of equipment and staff. Rates have not been increased for 7 years.

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the *Second Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement* with Jarrett Christoferson. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Bills**

It was moved by Manager Lougheed and seconded by Manager Thompson to approve payment of the wire transfers and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Ecker, Thompson and Lougheed. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED:

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Wes Ecker  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer