

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
AMENIA CITY HALL
AMENIA, NORTH DAKOTA
MARCH 21, 2022

A special meeting of the Cass County Joint Water Resource District was held on March 21, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

Present were William A. Hejl and Jacob Gust, Rush River Water Resource District; Josh Hassell and Jeff Ebsch, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Tony Roth, Scott McConnell, Riley Streit, Kathy Flick and Ardene Myers, City of Amenia.

RCPP - Rush River Watershed Planning public meeting

William A. Hejl called the Cass County Joint Water Resource District meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Josh Hassell reviewed the NRCS RCPP – Rush River Watershed Planning effort that has occurred over the last 6 years. The preliminary FEMA floodplain maps for Cass County, that were released in July 2019, mapped a significant portion of the City of Amenia into the floodway. After the FEMA maps are formally adopted, any properties mapped into the floodway with a federally backed mortgage will be required to purchase flood insurance. The RCPP – Rush River Watershed Plan has been approved by the National Watershed Management Center and is awaiting signature from the Chief. Mr. Hassell discussed the current design of the preferred alternative which involves construction of a levee around the City of Amenia. Mr. Hassell indicated the purpose of the meeting is to gather feedback on the project design.

Discussion was held on the project design, including levee alignment, road raises, installation of various culverts and interior and exterior drainage. Discussion was also held on temporary clay levees that would be needed during certain conditions as part of the current project design. The City of Amenia prefers minimal or no road closures in order to provide the residents of Amenia with access to the city. Mr. Hassell noted an Operations and Maintenance Plan that details the various roles and responsibilities regarding the project will also be drafted as part of the final project design. Discussion on the Operation and Maintenance Plan will be held between the City of Amenia and the Water Resource District at a later date. Mr. Hassell indicated any additional comments regarding the project design should be directed to Moore Engineering, Inc.

Moore Engineering, Inc. also plans to meet with property owners to discuss the design. Following receipt of comments on the project design, Moore Engineering, Inc. will take

those comments into consideration, the final layout will be selected and project design will be completed by the end of September 2022. Project construction is estimated for 2023 or in 2024 if delays occur.

Mr. Hassell thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing comments on the RCPP – Rush River Watershed Plan project design.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Dan Jacobson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer