

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING
NORTH CASS AND RUSH RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 23, 2024
9:30 A.M.

A virtual / conference call meeting of the North Cass / Rush River Joint Water Resource District was held on April 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Present were Ken Lougheed, Chairman; Robert Thompson, Manager; Jay Colwell, Manager; William A. Hejl, Manager; Richard Sundberg, Manager; Jacob Gust, Manager; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Secretary-Treasurer; Leilei Bao, Accountant; Carolyn Fiechtner, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Kurt Lysne and Alexa Ducioame, Moore Engineering, Inc.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Manager Sundberg, seconded by Manager Gust and unanimously carried to approve the order of the agenda, as presented.

Reorganization of the Board for 2024

It was moved by Manager Colwell and seconded by Manager Thompson to appoint the following individuals to serve in the designated capacities for the North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District for calendar year 2024. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ken Lougheed	Chairman
William A. Hejl	Vice Chairman
Melissa Hinkemeyer	Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Gust and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012, meeting, as presented.

Potential combination of Drain #13 and legal assessment drains that outlet into Drain #13

Alexa Ducioame discussed cost estimates for drain improvements for the North Cass Water Resource District. In each scenario discussed, the cost estimate exceeds the drain's funding ability. The possibility of combining the Drain #13 assessment district with assessment districts of North Cass and Rush River Water Resource Districts legal assessment drains that outlet into Drain #13, could provide funding needed for

improvements and repairs for all of the facilities in the combined assessment district. The Board discussed the possibility of combining assessment districts in more detail, including discussion on hosting a future public meeting on the matter. The Board directed Moore Engineering, Inc. to prepare information on a potential combined assessment district of Drain #13 and legal assessment drains in North Cass and Rush River Water Resource Districts that outlet into Drain #13, to a future meeting for continued discussion on the matter.

Kurt Lysne stated a reassessment of benefits of Drain #13 must occur in the near future as the drain is impacted by the Metro Flood Diversion Project. Moore Engineering, Inc. will prepare more information on the future reassessment of Drain #13 for the Board to review at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the North Cass and Rush River Joint Water Resource District is scheduled for May 28, 2024, to further discuss the potential combination of Drain #13 with legal assessment drains that outlet into Drain #13.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, Manager Hejl motioned, and Manager Sundberg seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Ken Lougheed
Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary-Treasurer