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Rush River Water Resource District.**

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING  
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
APRIL 16, 2024  
9:00 A.M.

A virtual / conference call special meeting of the Rush River Water Resource District was held on April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were William A. Hejl, Chairman; Richard Sundberg, Manager; Jacob Gust, Manager; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Secretary-Treasurer; Leilei Bao, Accountant; Carolyn Fiechtner, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Alexa Ducioame, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Mike Opat, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner; Kyle Litchy, Cass County Highway Department; Jim Krogh, Raymond Township property owner; and Dylan Foss, Harwood.

### **Approval of agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024, meeting, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Metro Flood Diversion Project**

Chairman Hejl and Manager Gust reported on construction updates of various components of the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

Alexa Ducioame stated Moore Engineering, Inc. is modeling the transition between the Rush River and the Diversion Channel of the Metro Flood Diversion Project to ensure the flow velocities are acceptable.

Jim Krogh and Dylan Foss addressed the Board with concerns regarding drainage in Sections 36 and 25 of Berlin Township and Section 2 of Raymond Township, on the west side of the Diversion Channel. Mr. Krogh and Mr. Foss proposed a temporary tie-in from the west side of the Diversion Channel to the Rush River instead of the current pump system.

The contact information for the engineers at Moore Engineering, Inc. and the Director of Engineering at the Diversion Authority was provided. The Board noted that if Mr. Krogh

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and Mr. Foss feel the need to address their concerns further, a special meeting could be scheduled with the engineers present for discussion.

### **Rush River – flattening side slopes**

Ms. Ducioame reported Moore Engineering, Inc. is working on plans to flatten side slopes on the Rush River starting at the Diversion Channel of the Metro Flood Diversion Project and moving approximately two miles upstream. Ms. Ducioame reviewed cost estimates with the Board and indicated the Board could potentially complete two miles of channel side slope flattening in 2025 and one mile in 2027. Discussion was held on the proposed future side slope flattening projects and crossings that are scheduled for replacement.

After discussion, the Board directed Moore Engineering to bring a recommendation and cost estimate for a potential 2025 project to flatten two miles of side slopes on the Rush River, including an analysis to include a potential crossing replacement, to a future meeting for the Board's consideration.

### **Swan Creek Diversion – City of Casselton shared use path at Governor's Drive**

Sean Fredricks presented an *Access Agreement* with the City of Casselton for a shared use path over the Swan Creek Diversion at Governor's Drive.

It was moved by Manager Gust and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the *Access Agreement* with the City of Casselton regarding a shared use path over the Swan Creek Diversion at Governor's Drive. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Weed, cattail, tree and brush control**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the *Agreement* with Dakota Helicopter, Inc. to provide aerial and ground spraying services for weed, cattail, tree and brush control on Rush River Water Resource District facilities for 2024. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR) 2025-2027 Water Development Plan**

Discussion was held on the draft list of projects to submit to the NDDWR for the 2025-2027 Water Development Plan.

After a brief discussion, Manager Gust motioned and Manager Sundberg seconded to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to submit the list of projects for the NDDWR 2025-2027 Water Development Plan, as discussed. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Cass County Joint Water Resource District report**

Manager Gust reported discussions continue regarding the Metro Flood Diversion Project and indicated acquisition of flowage easements for the project continues.

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**Bills**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Gust to approve the wire transfers and the electronic funds transfers, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Hejl, Gust, and Sundberg. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Sundberg, seconded by Manager Gust, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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William A. Hejl  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer  
Secretary-Treasurer