

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
VECTOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 29, 2024
8:30 A.M.

A virtual special meeting of the Southeast Cass Water Resource District was held on May 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Present were Keith Weston, Chairman; Dave Branson, Manager; Rick Steen, Manager; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Secretary; Carolyn Fiechtner, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Kurt Lysne, Alexa Ducioame, and Kyle Volk, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner; and those whose names appear on the attached rosters.

Chairman Weston called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose for the meeting was to hold hearings regarding the reassessments of benefits for Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2, and Drain SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53).

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the boundaries of the assessment district for Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1. Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held on the benefit percentage boundaries. Mr. Lysne and Mr. Volk indicated the benefit percentage boundaries were completed prior to the development of many areas and is based on LiDAR data. Moore Engineering, Inc. will verify the benefit percentage boundaries near east Beaton Drive, as requested by a property owner in attendance.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2 – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the boundaries of the assessment district for Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2. Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held on the benefit percentage boundaries. Nancy Johnson inquired about the box culvert removal project post F-M Diversion. Mr. Lysne discussed the reduced flows in the Sheyenne River and Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Project #2 channel post F-M Diversion. Mr. Lysne indicated Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Project #2 maintenance costs are anticipated to decrease with reduced flows in the channel post F-M Diversion.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

Drain SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53) – Hearing regarding reassessment of benefits

Kurt Lysne gave a presentation on the proposed reassessment of Drain SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53). A copy of the presentation is on file in the Water Resource District office.

Mr. Lysne discussed the boundaries of the assessment district for Drain SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53). Mr. Lysne stated there is no change to the assessment methodology. The main purpose of the reassessment process is to update the parcels that have been developed since the previous reassessment and to update the property values, as well as modify the boundaries of the assessment district as needed.

Mr. Lysne opened the hearing to comments and questions from those in attendance. Discussion was held on Drain #53. Mike Reitan inquired if there is any consideration for properties outside of flood inundation areas. Mr. Lysne clarified that the assessment is for legal drain maintenance and improvements and the ability to drain runoff. Legal assessment drains are not flood control facilities.

Discussion was held on Drain SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53) post F-M Diversion project. The boundaries of the Drain SC-2 district have been adjusted for post F-M Diversion project.

Chairman Weston thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing.

The Board indicated comments regarding the reassessment of benefits for Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2, and Drain

SC-2 (Drains #27 and #53) will be accepted until the Board's next regular meeting on June 11, 2024

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Keith Weston
Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Hinkemeyer
Secretary