



Diversion Board of Authority Board Meeting
Special Board of Authority Meeting
8:00 AM Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting
Fargo, North Dakota

Permanent, Reliable Flood Protection

A special virtual meeting of the Diversion Board of Authority was held on January 19, 2021. The following committee members were present: Johnathan Judd, Mayor, City of Moorhead; Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo; Bernie Dardis, Mayor, City of West Fargo; Chuck Hendrickson, Moorhead City Council Member; Dave Piepkorn, City of Fargo Commissioner; David Ebinger, Moorhead City Council Member; John Strand, City of Fargo Commissioner; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Rodger Olson, Manager, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Shelly Carlson, Moorhead City Council Member.

The following committee members were absent: Chad Peterson and Rick Steen, Cass County Commissioners.

1. MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Judd called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

MOTION carried

Mr. Piepkorn made a motion to accept the order of the agenda as presented and Mayor Dardis seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

3. LAND EXCHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CCJWRD

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District (CCJWRD) and the Land Management Committee are seeking approval from the Diversion Authority Board of Authority for two land exchange agreements. The lands are asset lands outside of the right of way and approval from the Board of Authority is needed to avoid eminent domain proceedings.

The Fosse property possesses 63 acres that are needed for the channel. The Fosse's currently operate their cattle business on these 63 acres. The CCJWRD Board approved the land exchange at the December 17 meeting and if approved by the Diversion Board of Authority, the Fosse's would receive 23.78 acres from the CCJWRD in addition to a cash disbursement of \$723,343 in exchange for 63.13 acres.

Dr. Mahoney inquired with Mrs. Scherling if this has been an issue with the land management policy since these approvals have not been brought forward for the Board of Authority approval in the past. Mrs. Scherling indicated that the Land Management Committee did approve the exchanges at the special meeting last week. Mr. Dodds stated that per the JPA operating provision 16-10, exchanges are required to be approved by the Board of Authority and that is the guidance that we are currently operating under.

MOTION carried

Dr. Mahoney made a motion to approve both land exchange recommendations, items 3a and b, and Mrs. Scherling seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be January 28, 2021.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION carried

Mrs. Scherling made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 am.