

**Metro Flood Diversion Authority
Land Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
3 PM - January 27, 2021**



A virtual meeting of the Diversion Authority Land Management Committee was held on January 27, 2021. The following committee members were present: Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Kory Peterson, Mayor, City of Horace; Bruce Grubb, Fargo City Administrator; Nathan Boerboom, Fargo Division Engineer; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District; Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner; Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner; Arlette Preston, Fargo City Commissioner and Bob Zimmerman, Moorhead City Engineer.

Members absent: Johnathan Judd, Mayor, City of Moorhead and Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner.

1. INTRODUCTION

Roll call was taken manually and a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mongeau moved to approve the agenda as presented and Mr. Breitling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Olson moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Breitling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PROPERTY ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

To date, 496 properties have been voluntarily acquired and 93 properties are in LRED status. It is anticipated that the current LRED properties will ultimately be voluntary. Appraisals are underway in the Drain 27 camel hump area. The appraisals will be reviewed at the CCJWRD Board and offers will be extended.

Easements are needed on approximately 400 parcels and it is anticipated that the appraisals will be completed next month.

Crown Appraisals is currently in Phase II evaluating over 500 parcels in the upstream. It is anticipated that it will be wrapped up later this year.

Overall, things continue to move forward on time and on budget.

5. POLICY ON THE DISPOSITION AND MANAGEMENT OF EXCESS LAND

A “draft” version of the policy was presented and discussed. The Land Committee has to be comfortable with its content prior to presenting to the Board of Authority for approval.

Mrs. Scherling asked all members to provide their input and also stated that we are not in the land business and will not be retaining any excess land.

There was a lot of input and dialogue and Mr. Shockley and Mr. Nicholson will update the policy with the changes. An updated policy will be presented at the meeting next week to move forward with approval from the Board of Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Breitling moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kapitan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.