

MINUTES OF MEETING  
DIVERSION AUTHORITY AGRICULTURAL POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE  
DAKOTA AG COOPERATIVE  
KINDRED, NORTH DAKOTA  
JULY 10, 2012

The Diversion Authority Agricultural Policy Subcommittee met on July 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Dakota Ag Cooperative, Kindred, North Dakota.

Present were Rodger Olson, Chairman; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Cass County Joint Water Resource District Secretary-Treasurer; and those whose names appear on the attached roster.

Mr. Olson called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Mark Brodshaug, seconded by Mark Bittner and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2012, meeting.

**Agricultural Policy Subcommittee Charter**

It was moved by Jon Evert, seconded by Mark Askegaard and unanimously carried to approve the Agricultural Policy Subcommittee Charter, as amended.

**Impacts of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion on local drainage**

Lee Beauvais reviewed information on impacts of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion on local drainage.

Matt Ness asked about running more water through the City of Fargo. Mr. Beauvais said that is part of the post Record of Decision study going on now. They are looking at elevations, the duration and the cost versus impacts. In 2009, 29,500 cfs flowed through town and they are looking at running up to 22,000 cfs (37') through town. Mark Bittner said it will reduce the frequency of use, but does not lower the stage.

Drainage in the staging and storage area will be part of another study.

Mark Ottis asked if drainage into the diversion channel would open up the opportunity for drainage that is not there today. That would depend on policy and approval by the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Evert asked if there will be information available for an event beyond a 100-year flood. Mr. Beauvais said the modeling includes up to a 500-year event.

### **Operation of North Ottawa Project**

Mark Lambrecht reviewed information from Jon Roeschlein, Bois de Sioux Watershed District Administrator, on the North Ottawa Project. The project is designed to control 4" of runoff from the entire 74 square mile watershed, which is approximately a 100-year design project. Mr. Olson said the project improved drainage upstream and provides protection downstream.

Ken Bergh asked if Federal Crop Insurance is available in this type of situation. Getting consensus would be easier if they could get it. Mr. Olson said the Regional Manager of the Risk Management Agency sent him the Federal Crop Insurance language and if water is backed up from the project, they will not get Federal Crop Insurance. The Diversion Authority needs a plan to reimburse farmers that are harmed.

Doug Hagel, Regional Manager of the Risk Management Agency, and Scott Stofferahn, Senator Conrad's Office, will be invited to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

### **Impacts of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion to transportation routes**

Kris Bakkegaard reviewed impacts of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion to transportation routes. The need to size bridges to accommodate large farm equipment was discussed. Tyler Odegaard asked about accessing property during project construction. Mr. Bakkegaard said access to local properties will be maintained.

Mr. Brodshaug asked if roads on top of the berms were public or for maintenance purposes. Mr. Bakkegaard said they would be used for maintenance of the project.

Jon Evert asked about the timing for the various phases of the project. Tom Waters said they would have a better idea by fall.

### **Discussion topics for the next / future meetings**

Topics for discussion at the next / future meetings included the following:

- Inviting an NDSU professor to discuss the effects of water on soils;
- Use of the project for drainage and the procedure to do so;
- Crop insurance;
- Bridge design; and
- Operation and maintenance of minimum maintenance roads.

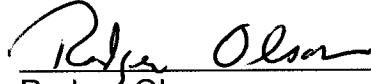
The next meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department in West Fargo.

Mr. Waters expressed that he is very impressed with what the subcommittee is doing in the way of helping to identify policies for the Diversion Authority to consider.

**Adjournment**

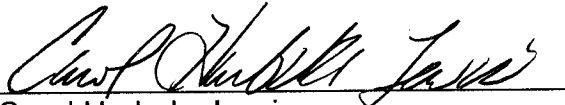
There being no further business to be considered by the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:



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Rodger Olson  
Chairman

ATTEST:



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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Cass County Joint Water Resource District  
Secretary-Treasurer

Division Authority Agricultural Policy Subcommittee

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Name	Address / Whom Representing
Tom Waters	FM Diversion Authority - PMC Team
Mark Lambrecht	FM Diversion - PMC Team
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Mark Brodshaug	Cass Co JWRD
Matt Niss	Comstock
Mark Bittner	City of Fargo
Jon Dieber	PMC - Flood Diversion Authority
Eric Dodds	PMC - " "
John Albrecht	Army Corps of Engineers
Jon Evert	Clay County Commissioner
Mark Askegaard	Comstock
Lance Yohe	RRBC
Kristen Damm	The Forum
LEE BEAUVIERE	Huston Moore Group
Dennis Novacek	Dakota Ag Cooperative