

Flood Diversion Authority August Report

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July Board Highlights

💧 The Board received updates:

- *NEPA process and timeline from the USACE*
- *FY14 Program Decisions Timeline*
- *Joint Work Plan development status*
- *Joint Powers Agreement amendment*
- *Red River Basin Commission update*

July Priority Areas

💧 FY14 Authority Decisions

- *Joint Work Plan completion with technical team and USACE*
- *Joint Powers Agreement #2*

💧 Oxbow/Hickson/Bakke Levee

- *Design scope/timeline development*
- *Workload distribution*

💧 Ongoing technical/design activities

July 2013 Highlights - Technical

- 💧 Developed the FY14 Joint Work Plan for Board consideration
- 💧 Joint meetings: LSLCTT and Technical Working Group (TWG)
- 💧 Continued work on design reviews for Reach 1-3 bridges.
- 💧 HMG continued work on in-town levees design
- 💧 Continued 2013 Phase 1 cultural survey field work

July 2013 Highlights – Program Activities

- 💧 JPA Amendment 2 drafted and coordinated with legal/administrative team
- 💧 Work-in-Kind request #3 submitted to USACE
- 💧 Work continued on the Design Agreement amendment
- 💧 Oxbow MOU updated / prepared for Board approval

July 2013 Highlights – Other Program Activities

- 💧 Hardship Acquisitions Program:
 - *Closed on the 3rd Property in July*
 - *4th property in negotiations*
 - *5th hardship property – appraisal being conducted*

- 💧 Cass County Joint Water Resources District developed proposal to assume land acquisitions

July 2013 Highlights – Regulatory/Permitting

- 💧 USACE closed the Environmental Assessment (EA) public comment period
- 💧 Participated in FEMA/NDSWC site tour and meeting on July 9 and 10
- 💧 Minnesota EIS Scoping Decision Document:
 - *USACE and Authority provided additional review of public comments*
- 💧 USACE and Authority held a permitting coordination meeting on July 18

July 2013 Highlights - Outreach

- 💧 Coordinated meetings with the City of Comstock and MN residents in the staging area scheduled for August
- 💧 Diversion Project Assessment Committee (DPAC) continued development of an outreach plan for special assessment financing
- 💧 Provided an update to the City leaders of West Fargo and Moorhead
- 💧 Coordination with Congressional offices in Washington, DC for Diversion Project update meetings

July 2013 Highlights – Outreach (cont)

- 💧 Presentation to members of the FM Rotary Club.
- 💧 Provided information to members of the Business Leaders Task Force in preparation for their group meetings.
- 💧 Facilitated bi-weekly Outreach Working Group meetings and weekly calls with the USACE to coordinate outreach activities.
- 💧 Updates to the project website, www.fmdiversion.com
- 💧 Published the July Diversion Dialogue E-Newsletter

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