

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
OCTOBER 4, 2023

A virtual / conference call special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on October 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Ben Varnson, Nelson County Water Resource District; Gary Thompson, Traill County Water Resource District; Tom Perdue, Grand Forks County Water Resource District (alternate); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; and Randy Gjestvang, North Dakota Department of Water Resources. Keith Weston, Southeast Cass Water Resource District, Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District and Arv Burvee, Richland County Water Resource District (alternate), were absent.

Cost-share request – Grand Forks County Water Resource District – Upper Turtle River Dam No. 5 Bank Stabilization Project

Manager Perdue discussed the Grand Forks County Water Resource District Upper Turtle River Dam No. 5 Bank Stabilization Project to repair bank slippage on the downstream embankment of the dam. Manager Perdue indicated their engineers investigated the site and recommended completing the repair this fall. The Grand Forks County Water Resource District has found a contractor available to start the project as early as next week.

Randy Gjestvang indicated he reviewed the project and recommended approval of 65% cost-share on the non-federal, non-state share of the project, not to exceed \$9,750. Should the State Water Commission approve cost-share for the project, the RRJWRD cost-share would decrease, not to exceed \$3,900. Mr. Gjestvang noted it is currently unknown if the State Water Commission will approve cost-share for the project.

A motion was made by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Varnson to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the *Cost-Share Agreement* with Grand Forks County Water Resource District for up to 65% cost-share on the non-federal, non-state share regarding the Upper Turtle River Dam No. 5 Bank Stabilization Project, not to exceed \$9,750. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer