

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**RED RIVER VALLEY COMMITTEE**

**Fargo City Hall
October 28, 2021**

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District's Red River Valley Committee met at Fargo City Hall in the Meadow Lark Room on October 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Bischoff at 11:45 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairman Greg Bischoff
Director Jay Anderson
Director Roger Fenstad
Secretary Duane DeKrey

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Bill Krivarchka

OTHERS PRESENT

Garrison Diversion staff, along with others, were present. A copy of the registration sheet is attached to these minutes as Annex I.

The meeting was recorded to assist with compilation of the minutes.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Director Walter to dispense with a reading of the September 29, 2021, Red River Valley Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Anderson. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

RRVWSP UPDATE

Construction Update - - Kip Kovar, District Engineer, Garrison Diversion, provided a status report on the ongoing RRVWSP construction projects.

ENDAWS- - The committee discussed Audubon Lake levels and how secure it would be using the McClusky Canal for the Eastern North Dakota Alternate Water Supply (ENDAWS) Project.

Mr. Kovar presented current numbers, adding that the Snake Creek Pumping Plant is designed to pump down to 1775' msl. He also explained the drought operation mode for the Missouri River per the Corps of Engineers manual. He added that he is very confident in the water supply of the Missouri River.

Mr. Kovar reported he is working with Black & Veatch on a task order directed by Garrison Diversion and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) that will look at the different elevations of Lake Audubon and Lake Sakakawea and flows needed to fulfill current and future irrigation needs for the RRVWSP. After this information is analyzed, the next step will be to look at possible solutions for moving water through the McClusky Canal. This will be funded by Reclamation, and they would like the solution developed and the permitting done in advance so it will be ready for eventual implementation.

Merri Mooridian, Administrative Officer, Garrison Diversion, informed the committee that Reclamation has an additional \$650,000 in MR&I funds available from Fiscal Year 2021, and Garrison Diversion is hoping to get this funding awarded for ENDAWS in order to bring the pipeline design to 30 percent, verify landowners and initiate right-of-way acquisition.

Ms. Mooridian stated a request has been submitted to the State Water Commission requesting the commission members approve the \$650,000 from the federal MR&I Program for ENDAWS at their meeting on December 10. The MR&I Committee will meet prior to that to recommend Garrison Diversion's board also approve the use of this funding for ENDAWS.

Motion by Director Fenstad supporting the use of the additional \$650,000 in MR&I Program funds for the preliminary work on ENDAWS. Second by Director Anderson. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Anderson, Bischoff, Fenstad and Walter. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Krivarchka. Motion carried.

Work Plan Update - - Mr. Kovar referred to the September 27, 2021, RRVWSP Work Plan Update and provided additional updates on the RRVWSP.

Mr. Kovar informed the committee that some of the work performed at the Missouri River intake was considered to be defective. The floor at the bottom of the wet well has seepage issues. A work change directive will be issued addressing the work needed to correct the defects completed under Contract 1. The cost to correct the defects will be deducted from Contract 1 and added into Contract 2.

2021-2023 Biennium Budget - - Mr. Kovar said there were revisions to portions of the \$89.7 million work plan budget for the RRVWSP, but all the work items fit within that amount.

OTHER

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

(SEAL)

Greg Bischoff, Chairman

Duane DeKrey, Secretary

REGISTRATION

RED RIVER VALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meadow Lark Room, Fargo City Hall

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