

**City of Moorhead
Oakport Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2009 at 7:30 AM
Basement East Conference Room, Moorhead City Hall**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Oakport Joint Powers Board was held in the Basement East Conference Room, Moorhead City Hall, on May 27, 2009, at 7:30 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Dan Bohmer	Absent
Board Member:	Carolyn Kastella	Present
Board Member:	Greg Anderson	Present
Board Member:	Kevin Campbell	Present
Board Member:	Grant Weyland	Present

1. [Call meeting to Order/Roll Call](#)
2. [Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2008](#)

Motion to Approve made by Greg Anderson and seconded by Carolyn Kastella

Motion to Approve Minutes from October 1, 2008

Motion Passed: For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

3. [Citizens To Be Heard](#)

Minutes: None

4. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: None

5. **Public Hearing**

- A [Request of Bruce Albright, on behalf of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, for a conditional use permit to construct a dike north of the Red River to 70th Avenue North between the Red River on the west and 14th Street North.](#)

Minutes: Bruce Albright, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, opened the public hearing with a brief overview of the project and request. He introduced Chris Carlson, Alteig Engineering, who presented the project for the board's approval. Carlson went through the materials with the board and answered specific questions.

After the presentation, Kevin Campbell stated that one of the reasons the legislature approved the \$12 million dollar flood project for Oakport was because the project could be completed and benefit the area within one year. He said he hoped more engineers could be placed on the project to accomplish this goal. He stated that the portion of the project located south of Wall Street and west of County Road 1 should be phased out of the project design, as he felt that the cost was prohibitive and that home owners in that area had requested buyouts. Carlson agreed that the projections indicated that the cost would be great and agreed with Campbell's assessment. He reported they have had discussions with property owners, who would be in favor of selling a

portion of their property and rebuilding their homes further back on their property, out of the flood plain.

Kevin Campbell excused himself at 8:00 a.m. and stated that for the record he was in support of the request. (Campbell was not present for the vote and was recorded as absent.) Greg Anderson chaired the meeting in Campbell's absence.

Martzahn asked the engineers to explain where the water that would have otherwise spread over land would be diverted to or stored. Carlson stated that the lost storage would be contained within the internal drainage system. Holding ponds were designed to hold all of the water present during a 100- year flood and this water would not add to the overall flood level.

Nancy Otto asked if there had been input from the Fargo side of the river. Bruce Albright, engineer from Alteig, stated that they have had many discussions and meetings with Fargo regarding this and other flood mitigation issues over a number of years.

Otto asked what, if any, road blocks were in the way. Albright stated that the project had input and support from various groups and he did not see any major road blocks. He stated that when completed, the Oakport area would be one of the best protected areas in Fargo-Moorhead. Anderson added that sewer backup had been an issue during the past incident and that this would continue to be a challenge, but would not hinder the project.

Motion to Approve made by Carolyn Kastella and seconded by Nancy Otto

Motion to Approve Request of Bruce Albright, on behalf of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, for a conditional use permit to construct a dike north of the Red River to 70th Avenue North between the Red River on the west and 14th Street North;

Motion Passed: For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:2

Motion to Approve Resolution 2009-1 made by Grant Weyland and seconded by Nancy Otto

Motion to Approve Resolution 2009-1, for a conditional use permit to construct a dike north of the Red River to 70th Avenue North between the Red River on the west and 14th Street North, with the following conditions:

1. Obtaining all required local, state, and federal permits, and
2. Building in the approximate location and to the approximate specifications presented.

Motion Passed: For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:2

6. Old Business

Minutes: None

7. New Business

Minutes: None

8. Adjournment

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Thorpe, Community Services Program Assistant