

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

**Missouri River Committee
Ramkota Hotel
Bismarck, North Dakota
June 28, 2017**

A meeting of the Missouri River Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hanretty at 3:45 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Ken Royse
Committee Chairman Cliff Hanretty
Director Bill Ongstad
Secretary Duane DeKrey

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Mark Cook
Director Brandon Krueger

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were present along with others. 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Director Ongstad to approve the September 8, 2016, and January, 12, 2017, minutes as distributed. Second by Director Royse. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

MISSOURI RIVER UPDATE

Lake Audubon Water Control Plan - - Duane DeKrey, Secretary, reported on the meeting between the Corps of Engineers and state agencies at 2 p.m. in Bismarck today regarding the Corps of Engineers' Proposed Lake Audubon Water Control Plan. This was an agency pre-meeting to the public hearing taking place this evening.

Secretary DeKrey said the Corps of Engineers' proposed plan to save the embankment during a time of drought would limit the differential between Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon to 43 feet. This could literally render the McClusky Canal unusable. He added that the Corps of Engineers is at the frontend of their process, but it does not sound hopeful for any other solution for their interim measures.

The committee discussed the impacts that the proposed plan could have on the GDU facilities and the state. Garrison Diversion is in the process of preparing a comment letter opposing the plan and working on a strategy to combat it. The congressional delegation, governor, state engineer and other state agencies/organizations have also been engaged. Letters are being prepared to the Corps of Engineers voicing their opposition to their proposal as well.

The suggestion was made to request the Corps of Engineers extend the comment period.

Proposed Surplus Water Rule - - Director Royse reported on the status of the Proposed Surplus Water Rule. He prepared comments that were submitted to the Corps of Engineers on behalf of Garrison Diversion regarding concerns with proposed rule. The letter requests a public hearing be held on this issue before any final action is taken.

Endangered Habitat Recovery Plan - - Director Royse also provided an update on the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC) and the Endangered Habitat Recovery Plan.

MISSOURI RIVER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Director Royse, who is Garrison Diversion's designee on the Missouri River Advisory Council, gave a status report on the status of the organization. The formation of the advisory council is now complete, and Mike Gunsch was elected as the chairman. The next meeting is either July 27 or 28 in Dickinson.

RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Kip Kovar, District Engineer, Garrison Diversion, reported on RRVWSP activities and task orders. A copy of the RRVWSP Work Plan Update is included in the meeting materials for the committee's information.

Merri Mooridian, Administrative Officer, Garrison Diversion, gave an update on the Lake Agassiz Water Authority (LAWA) Finance Committee that is working on project financing.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

(SEAL)

Cliff Hanretty, Chairman

Duane DeKrey, Secretary

