

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
APRIL 6, 2009**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Ron Sorvaag, Joe Deutsch, Joel Vettel and Barb Johnson. Also present were Roger Gress, Jim Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Kevin Boe, Dave Leker, Carolyn Boutain and Clay Whittlesey.

Roger Gress convened a special board meeting of the Fargo Park District to address concerns related to the recent flooding as particularly related to Park District facilities and programming.

The meeting began with a review of projected river levels and the affects that that would have upon Park District contingency planning. It was noted that in light of current projections, additional diking would be done around key Park District facilities as required.

Dave Leker and Operations Foreman, Terry Ganje reported as to the flood's affects at key facilities. This review included Trollwood, Edgewood, El Zagal, Mickelson Field, Oak Grove, Lindenwood, Centennial and Rose Creek. It was particularly noted that Lindenwood's sandbagging would be done around the new information center and concession building. The soccer field situation at Centennial as it relates to the borrow pit situation was reviewed in its entirety, along with the current condition of Rose Creek in relation to the dikes and borrow pits.

Clay Whittlesey, Carolyn Boutain and Kevin Boe addressed the board as to recreation and programming. Mr. Whittlesey noted that the impact on programming should be slight as the majority of spring programs have been postponed, but not canceled. In addition, it was noted that youth baseball activities would be moved to Longfellow.

Carolyn Boutain noted that cultural and art classes were to be provided as scheduled with a majority of them occurring at the Robert Johnson Center.

Kevin Boe noted that Courts Plus was closed for approximately one week as it relates to the flood and that as a result, spring programs have been shortened to one week to a seven week schedule.

Jim Larson reviewed the financial impact the flood has had upon the Fargo Park District. Mr. Larson noted that obviously the Park District has incurred overtime wage expenses and immense expense related to materials and equipment usage related to battling the flood. It was further noted that revenues would be down approximately \$250,000.00 to \$400,000.00 as it relates to the Fargo Park District golf courses.

Discussion ensued regarding how much FEMA would potentially reimburse these expenses. Mr. Larson noted that the programs have changed slightly from 1997 so that it would be difficult to estimate how much exactly could be counted on for reimbursement.

Mr. Larson further noted that the Park District was well positioned for this matter as it had a certain amount of reserve set aside for such contingencies.

Adjournment

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, the meeting adjourned.

Christopher M. Kennelly