

**Joint Water Management Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2019 - 9:00 A.M.
Fremont Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room,
400 East Military, Fremont Nebraska**

1. **Meeting called to order.** The first meeting of the Joint Water Management Advisory Board was called to order by Bob Missel. Brian Newton stated that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted continually for public inspection near the entrance door and a notice of the meeting was printed in the Fremont Tribune on May 1, 2019. No role call was taken since this was the first meeting of the board, however a sign-up sheet (attached) was passed around to record the names of authorized representatives and guests.
2. **Update on Joint Water Management Advisory Board Partners.** Newton reported that the following political subdivisions have signed the Interlocal Agreement as partners: City of Fremont, Lower Platte North Natural Resources District, Village of Inglewood, Dodge County, City of North Bend, Cotterell Diking & Drainage District, Ames Diking & Drainage District, North Bend Drainage District, Elkhorn Township, Platte Township, Sanitary & Improvement District #3 – Lake Ventura, and Sanitary & Improvement District #5 – Timberwood.
3. **Update on flood restoration efforts by Partners.** The following partners gave an update on their political subdivision's restoration efforts:
 - Bob Missel, Dodge County
 - Jody Delaney/Jeremy Moss, Elkhorn Township
 - Russ Peterson/Marlyn Eckerson, SID #3
 - Tom Mountford/Gene Ruzicka, Lower Platte North NRD
 - Grant Hansen, Ames Diking & Drainage District
 - Mike Arps/Marlin Brabec, SID #5
 - Mike Eason, Cotterell Diking & Drainage District
 - Ron Vlach, Platte Township
 - Theresa Bysse, City of North Bend
 - Susan Jacobus/Mark Jensen, City of Fremont
 - Albert Nielsen, Inglewood

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Missel to receive an email from Julie Hindmarsh into the record. Ayes: Nielsen, Missel, Delaney, Moss, Peterson, Eckerson, Hanson, Jacobus, Jensen, Bysse, Vlach, Brabec, Eason, and Arps. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. **Consider filing a Request for Public Assistance with FEMA.** Newton said a FEMA representative recommended that each political subdivision apply for FEMA public assistance as well as the new Joint Water Management Advisory Board. A motion was made by Jacobus and seconded by Vlach to recommend that the governing body of each Partner authorize the Joint Water Management Advisory

Board to file a public assistance application with FEMA. Ayes: Nielsen, Missel, Delaney, Moss, Peterson, Eckerson, Hanson, Jacobus, Jensen, Bysse, Vlach, Brabec, Eason, and Arps. Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. **Consider filing a Notice of Intent to make Water Sustainability Fund/Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications to study Dodge County floodwater/drainage issues.** Newton recommended filing an application for Water Sustainability Funding (Small Project) with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and a Notice of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Lalit Jha with JEO Consulting explained the two possible grant-funding sources, noting the approximate consulting cost to file the Water Sustainability Small Project Grant is \$10,000 and the application must be filed by the end of July 2019. The representatives from Fremont, Dodge County, Lower Platte North, and Inglewood said they would work out the method to split the consulting cost by JEO.

A motion was made by Jensen and seconded by Nielsen to receive a handout from Lalit Jha into the record. Ayes: Nielsen, Missel, Delaney, Moss, Peterson, Eckerson, Hanson, Jacobus, Jensen, Bysse, Vlach, Brabec, Eason, and Arps. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Missel and seconded by Jensen to recommend that the governing body of each Partner authorize the Joint Water Management Advisory Board to file an application for Water Sustainability Funding with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and a Notice of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Ayes: Nielsen, Missel, Delaney, Moss, Peterson, Eckerson, Hanson, Jacobus, Jensen, Bysse, Vlach, Brabec, Eason, and Arps. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **Adjournment.** Newton recommended the next Board meeting be held sometime the week of June 17, 2019. A motion to adjourn was made by Jensen and seconded by Vlach at 10:15am. Ayes: Nielsen, Missel, Delaney, Moss, Peterson, Eckerson, Hanson, Jacobus, Jensen, Bysse, Vlach, Brabec, Eason, and Arps. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Brian Newton, Fremont City Administrator



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Thu, May 16, 2019 at 7:36 AM

Hi Susan,
Could you print this off and give to the Water Management Board today for the record? I am out of town and don't have your email. Thank you
Julie.

April 18, 2019
To the Water Management Board,

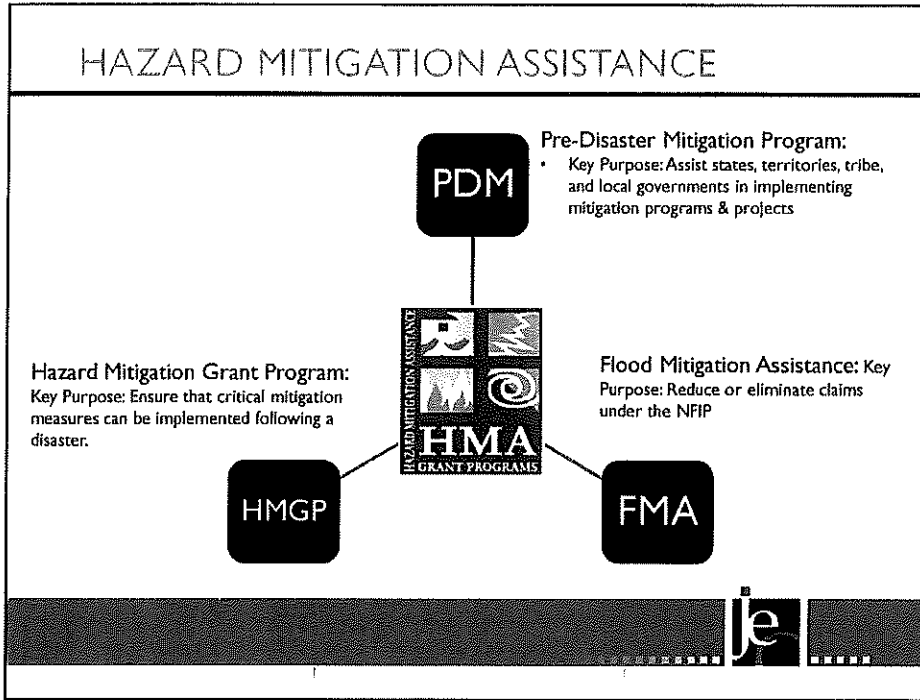
We are thankful that the governmental bodies on the Water Management Board are taking on the financial responsibility for creating a plan and system for comprehensive drainage in Fremont and all of Dodge County. A comprehensive drainage plan will benefit everyone in Dodge County, Urban and Rural so it is fitting that government is taking responsibility. Thank you Brian and Bob for bringing together the responsible parties and involving NRD. With FEMA funds available it is critical that we address the drainage issue now and apply for funds.

A comprehensive drainage plan is long overdue. All residents of Dodge County share the responsibility to fund a comprehensive drainage system, since the entire county will benefit. The city of Fremont with its increasing development is displacing more and more water and needs to create a path for the city's run off to reach the river. The city's run off should not flood the rural properties. We thank Mayor Getzman for inviting farmers to contribute their knowledge and experience with water pathways to advise the board. With the extreme economic hardship farmers are facing from the flood, they cannot bear any financial responsibility.

In 2017 Dodge Co received over \$45,000 from OPPD as an easement to allow OPPD to place high voltage power lines in the Elkhorn River Drainage Ditch and right of way area which Dodge Co owns. During the recent flood the importance of unobstructed water flow in these ditches was seen. When ditches were full of debris, water could not move and new pathways were cut through fields. This is a critical time to apply for FEMA funds so the city and county have the funds to plan, create and maintain adequate drainage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Julie Hindmarsh.
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HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

- ▶ Key Purpose: Ensure that critical mitigation measures can be implemented following a disaster.
- ▶ Triggered by a Presidential Disaster Declaration
 - ▶ Estimated to be around \$65 M to \$70 M in 2019
- ▶ Communities **REQUIRED** to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to access grant
- ▶ Submit NOI ASAP
- ▶ Submit Application Late Summer 2019

COST SHARE
 75% Federal
 25% Local

WATER SUSTAINABILITY FUND

- ▶ Key Purpose: Water management and sustainability activities flood control
- ▶ Annual Allocation ~ \$10 M
- COST SHARE
 - 60% Federal
 - 40% Local
- ▶ Application Deadline July 31st, 2019



POSSIBLE FUNDING APPROACH

- ▶ Apply for HMGP Grant
- ▶ Apply for WSF grant
 - ▶ WSF grant can be used as local match for HMGP grant

