

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 ~ 7:00pm ~ Kindred City Hall

Present: Mayor DuBord, CMs Amerman, Stoddard, and Spelhaug. Absent: CM Peraza.
Also present: PWS Rich Schock and City Auditor Tabitha Arnaud.

Mayor DuBord called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

1. 2022 Flood Outlook and Response

PWS Schock shared that he has been in contact with the representatives at the Baldhill Dam north of Valley City. They called last Friday to advise that Lake Ashtabula is anticipating a lot of runoff from the recent snow storms in central and western ND and heavy rains forecast over the weekend. They are in need of discharging additional water from the reservoir in order to increase storage for the future precipitation events. They are aware of the impacts of communities downstream and always try to call in with reports. The impacts of discharges at the Baldhill Dam are seen at the Sheyenne River in Kindred after about 6 days.

Schock said that the heavy rains over the weekend caused lift stations to go into alarm status and water levels to increase quickly at the lagoon. The lift stations are pumping almost constantly and the lagoon is close to overtopping. A waste water sample was completed and emergency discharge started to make room. System was able to recover slightly and has maintained so far. The river level is currently about 17'; action stage is 16'. Historically, at around 19.5' the river starts breaking out of the banks in areas and has potential to affect Hwy 46. With more heavy rain in the forecast, the Flood Emergency Action Procedures are reviewed and ready. Properties inside city limits should not be impacted, but actions may need to be taken to protect the reservoir and other infrastructure.

USACE has sent the documentation for council to complete should the city need assistance with the flood response. CM Spelhaug stated the city has declared a flood emergency about five times throughout his time on council. Mayor DuBord shared that typically the city completes this process as a proactive approach to be at the ready to request additional assistance and enables the city to seek federal funding reimbursement of expenses if needed. The USACE resolution should be signed by the two council members and the Cooperation Agreement by the mayor, and requires council to appoint an incident commander; Rich Schock was nominated.

MOTION to declare a state of emergency due to potential flooding, appoint Richard Schock as incident commander, & execute the USACE resolution and cooperation agreement for emergency flood assistance; Stoddard moved, Amerman seconded. Roll Call Vote; Motion carried unanimously.

2. Grand Farm Site Selection Update

Mayor DuBord shared an email from the Grand Farm and Emerging Prairie team that Kindred was not chosen to be the home of their new innovation center, noting that although it was not the choice we were hoping for, the process of this proposal was a great learning experience and brought forth encouraging support from the community. CM Spelhaug stated that he is still talking with CHS/Dakota Plains Ag about a potential new facility in Kindred and is hopeful that some sort of ag-tech growth is still in Kindred's future.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

(Minutes subject to council approval.) (Agenda deadline is noon Wednesday the week before the meeting.)

Jason DuBord, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

Date approved: _____