

MINUTES  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING

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FARGO INTERCHANGE SERVICE DISTRICT  
3:17PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2025  
COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM  
MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SQUARE

MEETING OPENED: Commissioner Bethell opened the meeting and noted the following attendance:

ATTENDANCE: Present:  
Commissioners: Kevin Cameron and Danielle Bethell  
Heather Inyama, Chris Eppley, Toni Whitler, and Trevor Lane –  
Board of Commissioners Office  
John Pettifer - Office of Legal Counsel  
Dennis Mansfield, Brian Nicholas, Stephanie Pulvers, Chris Einmo,  
Shane Ottosen, Ana Najera Sanchez, and Cory Swartwout - Public  
Works  
Terry Beilke – BCSD Advisory Committee

Absent:  
Commissioner Colm Willis

PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Bethell moved to open the public budget hearing.  
  
Dennis Mansfield presented the FY25–26 proposed budget, which was previously approved by the Budget Committee on May 27, 2025. No changes were recommended following committee review. The total proposed resources and requirements amount to \$403,986.  
  
No public testimony offered.  
  
Commissioner Bethell closed the public budget hearing.

ACTION: **MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the January 29, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bethell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULTS: A voice vote was unanimous. Motion passes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron made a motion to approve the FY25-26 Budget and the Resolution making appropriations. Commissioner Bethell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULTS: A voice vote was unanimous. Motion passes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the FY25–26 Delinquent Sewer Charge Certification. Commissioner Bethell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Dennis Mansfield reported that delinquent sewer accounts over 90 days past due total \$70,801.82, which includes a 20% surcharge and \$25 administrative fee per account.

RESULTS: A voice vote was unanimous. Motion passes.

OPERATIONS UPDATE: ARPA Fargo Project Update:

Shane reported that the district's contractor completed a full scoping of the sewer main, identifying six locations with significant groundwater inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues. All six problem areas were successfully repaired, and crews are in the process of re-scoping the line this week to confirm that the infiltration sources have been eliminated. Preliminary data for May 2025 show a 30,000-gallon-per-day reduction in flow compared to May 2024, suggesting the repairs were effective in reducing system inflow.

He explained that while the true impact will not be fully measurable until the next wet weather season, early results are encouraging. The project, originally budgeted at \$300,000, included contingency funds for anticipated but unknown repairs. Because fewer issues were discovered than projected, the final cost is expected to be between \$120,000 and \$150,000, a substantial savings to the district.

Commissioners discussed the potential to reallocate unused funds toward other needed infrastructure projects, including the Donald/Fargo water system planning efforts. Shane noted that final project accounting will be completed by the end of June, with a closing report and recommendations forthcoming to the Board. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the project's efficiency and emphasized the importance of continued system monitoring to confirm reduced infiltration rates.

City of Donald/Fargo Update:

Dennis Mansfield provided an update on communications with the City of Donald regarding the wastewater treatment contract and plant capacity. He explained that Marion County's legal counsel, Scott Norris, recently sent a letter to Donald's attorney recommending that both parties set aside arbitration efforts and instead collaboratively draft a new agreement that better reflects the current operating

capacity and service terms of the wastewater plant.

The existing contract dates back to before the most recent plant expansion, which Marion County helped fund, yet the contract was never amended to reflect the updated capacity. As a result, both parties currently operate under unclear terms. Dennis stated that Scott Norris's correspondence suggests that renegotiation would benefit both sides and help formalize an equitable, transparent arrangement going forward.

Commissioners discussed the importance of maintaining positive relations with the City of Donald's new leadership, including the newly appointed mayor and city manager, who have expressed an interest in reestablishing communication with the County. Commissioner Danielle Bethell emphasized the need to be responsive and collaborative, ensuring the County's willingness to work constructively is clear, even as legal teams handle the formal process.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron agreed that while legal counsel should lead the next steps, staff should remain ready to re-engage with Donald's administration once appropriate. Commissioners reiterated that the district's investment in the plant expansion entitles it to a fair and updated agreement defining capacity, obligations, and cost responsibilities moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.



Chair, Governing Body  
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