**RED RIVER REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER  
Authority Board Meeting – Special Meeting  
Thursday, August 31st, 2023 1100hrs**

**Cass County Courthouse, 211 9 St S, Fargo, ND**

**Commission Room 105W**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Cass Commissioner Peterson at 1105hrs**

**Present:**

RRRDC Director Mary Phillippi

Cass Commissioner Peterson

Clay Commissioner Campbell

Fargo Mayor Mahoney

Fargo Commissioner Kolpack

**Virtual**:

Cass Commissioner Scherling Moorhead Mayor Carlson

Clay Commissioner Ebinger

Moorhead Commissioner Nelson

**Also, in Attendance:**

Amanda Glasoe, RRRDC

RRRDC Attorney Erik Johnson

Fargo Fire Chief Dirksen

Cass Co Administrator Robert Wilson

Cass Co Assistant Admin Peters

Cass Finance Director Madrigga

Gretchen Hjelmstad - Virtual

Wendy Reuer - Virtual

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval of July 13th, 2023 Agenda.

Campbell made a **motion to approve the agenda**; Mahoney seconded the motion. No Discussion. All approved; **motion carried.**

1. **LAND LEASE FOR FACILITY – Erik Johnson**

Erik Johnson, reviewed red line revisions.

Discussion included concerns with 50-year lease and potential extensions and COF not selling land during lease agreement. Extension of term lease noted and added as well as process for selling land, appraisals, etc.

Scherling requested clarification, asked what follows the RFR, Johnson answered that at the end of the lease there was an option to purchase, line 7.3 K. Scherling confirmed that after the 50 years and they don’t agree on a price, the COF after 2 years can sell to whomever they want. Scherling prefers a second appraisal to get an adjusted number.   
Mahoney asked if take the average or go to mediation. Discussion related to super majority, limited based upon major contributors. ND may wish to sell, MN may not. MN funds over 50 years, Campbell doesn’t see the need for MN to have veto power. Prefers the agreement be between Cass and COF. Johnson clarified the option to buy would be limited to Cass County. Campbell said they would need to look at why would MN stand in the way. Carlson added regarding the super majority that one MN partner needs to agree. Carlson asked that once the lease goes to the entities, discuss addendum to JPA for the next regular BOA meeting. Ebinger feels there should be a MN vote as they may need time to rework on their end. JPA already lays out process for MN to separate from RRRDC.

Mahoney spoke to future growth and what would be reasonable. Dirksen, commented on future of technology and perhaps the need for the building may not be there in the future due to remote work, etc.

Mahoney confirmed COF has right of first refusal.

Carlson commented if the concern is not alarming then leave it in and it is good to ensure there is support from MN side for future transactions. JPA remains supermajority.

Nelson, contract discusses 25-year extension and building value at that time,

Dirksen stated unless going up, will need to do an additional land lease as the property will be used up. Board then would need to make that choice with ownership in the decision.

Johnson added the JPA was established as to address any conflict between entities in the future. Mahoney commented that reasonability governing board, not tied to a budget. Mahoney has confidence to have one vote. Ebinger – agreed with Mahoney.

Direction suffice for Erik Johnson to move forward with formal approval to occur at the next meeting.

1. **SEPTEMBER MEETING – AUTHORITY BOARD**

Regular meeting scheduled for September 14th and members indicate they are unable to attend – cancel or reschedule? Cancel until the October meeting. Dirksen asked for a virtual meeting to approve to keep moving forward on the design process. Requested Phillippi to put out a poll for alternate dates for special meeting.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** Kolpack/Campbell second - **Meeting adjourned**.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

*Meeting minutes by: Amanda Glasoe, RRRDC*