



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator  
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director  
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met for a special meeting at 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 19, 2009 for the purpose of signing a Declaration of Emergency Resolution. Those present were Mayor Rich Mattern, Commissioner Lou Bennett, Commissioner Bryan Schulz and Commissioner Mark Simmons. Commissioner Mike Thorstad was absent. The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Mattern.

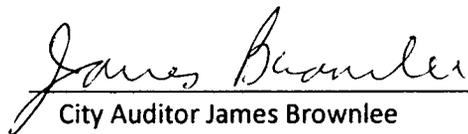
Prior to the request to sign the Declaration of Emergency, Mayor Mattern stated he wanted the citizens of West Fargo not to panic with this emergency meeting. Public Works Director Barry Johnson informed the Board that this is a pro-active approach to have the resolution in place stating that because of the rainfall forecast this weekend; the resolution would allow the City to access Federal Emergency Funds if the need arises. Mr. Johnson also stated the Sheyenne Diversion is protected to 28' and that should the forecast for heavy rains occur it would be well within the diversion's limits. The Diversion crested at 23' in 1997 and since that time the city has added pump stations that will pump two times the capacity of those in place during the 1997 flood.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to sign the Declaration of Emergency Resolution; second by Commissioner Schulz. Commissioners Mattern, Bennett, Schulz and Simmons voting aye, Commissioner Thorstad absent and not voting, motion carried.

Public Works Director Barry Johnson stated the city will have a flood watch button placed on the website for citizens to be kept informed. Mr. Johnson also reminded the Commission and Staff of the Flood Information Meeting set for 7:00 pm, Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Sheyenne 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy in the Commons Area.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Schulz to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Mattern, Bennett, Schulz and Simmons voting aye, Commissioner Thorstad absent and not voting, motion carried.

  
Mayor Rich Mattern

  
City Auditor James Brownlee

## Declaration of an Emergency

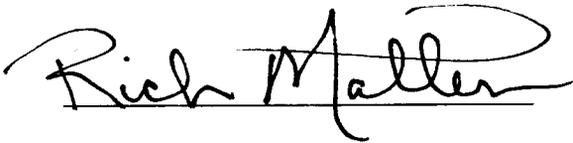
**WHEREAS:** a considerable amount of snowfall has accumulated during the spring of 2009. That the potential for severe spring flooding is significant: and

**WHEREAS:** necessary mitigation measures, preparedness actions and other response to this spring's flood must begin immediately: and

**WHEREAS:** the need to protect public health and safety and the potential for damages to public and private property and roads are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that pursuant to Section 37-17.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Board of City Commissioners does hereby declare a flood emergency for all of the City of West Fargo. That all applicable emergency operating plans of the city are hereby activated to save lives, protect public health and safety and protect improved property.

Dated this 19 day of March 2009.



President Board of City Commission

Attest: 

City Auditor