

**FORT PIERRE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
May 24, 2011, amended minutes**

The special meeting of the Fort Pierre City Council was called to order by Mayor Sam Tidball at 12:00 pm. Members present for Roll Call were Bernhard, Briggs, Gabriel, Paul, Rathbun, and Ricketts. Officials present were Heezen and Lawrence.

Agenda. Paul moved and Gabriel seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Discussion. The council and several residents from Fort Pierre listened as Eric Stasch from the US Army Corps of Engineers explained the plan for water releases and the plan for dealing with the elevated water levels. Several questions were asked to address concerns of the City and the residents of Fort Pierre.

Sewer Lines. Briggs moved and Bernhard seconded to authorize the televising and relining of sewer lines, as needed, in the areas affected by the elevated water level.

Declaration of Emergency. Bernhard moved and Ricketts seconded a motion to declare that an emergency exists because of impending flooding. The council further authorized Mayor Tidball to negotiate and enter into agreements with contractors and supplies to take emergency measures to construct and maintain levees to protect the infrastructure of the City. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Authorization for Staffing Needs. Ricketts moved and Briggs seconded to authorize Mayor Tidball to hire additional staff as needed to protect facilities. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Reducing Water Levels. Bernhard moved and Ricketts seconded to contact Congressional Delegates to encourage them to apply pressure to reduce levels in Lake Sharpe. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Adjournment. With no further business, Tidball declared the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Sam Tidball, Mayor

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Roxanne Heezen, Finance Officer