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North Dakota Missouri River Advisory Council Elects Officers and Approves Bylaws

The North Dakota Missouri River Advisory Council (NDMRAC) held an executive board meeting on June 14, 2017 to select officers of the organization.

NDMRAC is a grassroots group, whose vision is to preserve and protect the rights of North Dakota and its people, to the Missouri River and its tributaries, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Michael Gunsch, representative for Friends of Lake Sakakawea, was named as the Chairman of the NDMRAC. Gunsch is a member of the group's executive board and is an advocate for flood control. He is employed with Houston Engineering, Inc. as a Principal/Project Manager.

Marty Dahl was elected as vice chairman. He represents the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives and hydropower on the NDMRAC's executive board. Dahl serves as the General Manager at McLean Electric Cooperative.

Mary Massad, CEO of the Southwest Water Authority, will serve as the NDMRAC's Secretary/Treasurer. As an executive board member, Massad represents water supply.

NDMRAC's mission is to work collaboratively with North Dakota stakeholders to provide unified representation, advocate for the responsible use of resources, and improve awareness and education relating to the Missouri River and its tributaries.

A full NDMRAC membership meeting was held on May 10, 2017 to officially organize through the approval of the group's bylaws.

Before the board's election of officers on Wednesday, State Engineer Garland Erbele served as the NDMRAC's interim chairman.