

**CITY OF FLANDREAU
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Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes

The Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota met on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Flandreau City Office.

Present: City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, Mayor Dan Sutton, Alderman Tufty, Alderman Ekern, Public Works Department; Chase Amdahl, Jacob Pulscher, FSST Representatives Robert Byrnes, Francis Wakeman, Scott Ramsdell, Roger Janssen and Dean Elverud.

Mission Statement:

Revitalize the Flandreau Dam area to facilitate beautification, recreational opportunity, improve access and increase safety.

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business:

Public Works Operators Chase Amdahl and Jacob Pulscher reported that all marked trees on the south side of the dam have been removed. Some concrete work and rip rap have been completed.

New Business:

Robert Byrnes, FSST Grant Writer reported to the group that the tribe has been awarded a 20-million-dollar grant and plans to use 4.8 million for a vehicular bridge to replace the Crescent Street Bridge. Construction on the new bridge is estimated to begin in 2026, with completion by early 2027. Byrnes also stated that 3.5 million will be set aside for a recreational bike path, to include e-bike and scooter rentals, with a trail head and charging stations. Byrnes also presented a proposal to the group on the possibility of adding hydropower at the old mill site.

2025 Priorities:

Administrator Cohl Turnquist presented a sign example for the group's approval showing warning signs for the danger at the dam. The group plans to continue focusing on clean-up in 2025, and will start tree removal on the north side of the dam. Jacob Pulscher suggested obtaining material to begin the build-up of the peninsula on the south side. Elverud mentioned adding a galvanized stairway to the south side, for safer fishing access.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and the group plans to meeting again in April, 2025 to continue discussions on the Flandreau Dam Revitalization Project.

Lori Kneebone
Finance Officer
City of Flandreau