

Noon Meeting – Tuesday, August 4, 2009



April Walker, Senior Utilities Engineer for the City of Fargo, was our guest speaker, hosted by member Jeff Volk.



April Walker discussed the Flood of 2009 with us and gave us good background information on what happened.



After the meeting, the members helped stuff 40 Backpacks with school supplies to give to the United Way.



Jana Samek coordinated the purchase of the supplies and Thomas Hill, from the United Way, was here to pick them up.

Jeff Volk had the program today and introduced April Walker, Senior Utilities Engineer from the City of Fargo. April gave us an insight and update on the Flood of 2009. On March 28th, the Red River reached 40.8 feet which was a new record. It was a fast rising flood in that it took 8 days to go from 18 feet to the 40 foot record. The city built 52 miles of protection including 34 miles of clay dikes (with Cass County), 10 miles of sandbags, 8 miles of Hesco dikes, and .5 mile of Portadam. 3.5 million sandbags were filled including 550,000 in one day. 30,000 truckloads of clay were hauled to build the dikes and 20 miles of roads were closed due to the flood. April gave us some history of why the floods have been a problem lately and noted that we have been in a significant wet cycle since the early 90's. The 100 year flood plain was raised about 5 feet these past number of years due to the 1997 and 2009 floods. It was a very interesting program. Thanks, Jeff. After the meeting, the members stayed and helped pack 40 Backpacks with School Supplies for use in the United Way Backpack program. Thanks to Jana Samek for coordinating the purchase of the supplies and to our members who stayed and helped with this project.

Attendance – 21 Members and 1 Guest

Meal – Lasagna, Garlic Toast, and Dinner Salad

Dessert – Blueberry Cheesecake

Program – Jeff Volk

Meeting Leader – Kevin Skoog

