

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, April 2, 2026**

A regular meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium. Joint Board members in attendance were Jason Sorenson, Tom Klein, Dan Steinberger and Clif Issendorf.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve the Agenda. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft minutes of the Souris River Joint Board's regular meeting of March 5, 2026 were discussed.

Dan Steinberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 regular meeting. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman of Ackerman-Estfold presented the Balance Sheet and Budget Report, copies of which were included in the April Joint Board Packet.

Jason Sorenson moved to approve the Budget Report. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board reviewed and discussed various bills set forth in the April Board Packet totaling \$7,238,809.84. Chairman Ashley opened it up for questions from the Joint Board on each bill being considered for approval and advised that the Verizon bill has been approved and paid by usual process.

Tom Klein moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$7,238,809.84. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated on Phase MI-4. A Project Status Report is contained in the April Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated work is ongoing to work towards the 95% submittal that is expected later this summer. In the last month, the teams have looked at different ways to do plantings and how to leave the bottom of the channel after the project is complete.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the April Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated this phase is down to the remaining punch list items and working through those details with the contractor.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the April Board Packet. Jerry Bents played a drone video to show the Joint Board updates on this phase.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering provided an update to the Joint Board on Phase MI-8/MI-9. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the April Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated that design is 90% complete. Jerry Bents indicated they are working through two levels of value engineering.

Ryan Ackerman updated the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the April Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman showed a new drone video to update the Joint Board on this phase.

The Joint Board next considered a MI-7F Certificate of Substantial Completion. The Roosevelt Park Magic City Express Maintenance Building has been considered substantially complete on March 11, 2026. Full details appear in the April Joint Board Packet.

Clif Issendorf moved to approve the certificate of substantial completion and authorize the chairman to sign the certificate on behalf of the SRJB. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board next considered the MI-7I Award of Bids. A bid opening for MI-7I was conducted on March 24, 2026. Two bids were received, one for single prime construction and one for multiple prime electrical construction. No bids were received for multiple prime general or multiple prime mechanical construction. The single prime bid was submitted by Rolac Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$6,915,000. The bid was approximately 9% above the Engineer's Estimate of \$6,915,000. Additional details, OPC, and bid tabs are contained in the April Joint Board Packet.

Tom Klein moved to accept the single prime bid of Rolac Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$6,915,000 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreements on behalf of the SRJB. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman provided an update to the Joint Board regarding WC-1. The Project Status Report is contained in the April Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman indicated discussions are continuing with CPKC on finalizing the agreement with them.

On the PER update, Ryan Ackerman advised there were no substantial updates on the PER update. A PER Update memo is contained in the Joint Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with a Rural Program Update. An update memo summarizing the current work of the FARM-TW is contained within the April Joint Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman indicated the team has been evaluating specific site; additionally, letters were sent out to the flood plain managers listed within the database at the Department of Water Resources. So far the only response received was from Ward County.

Luke Rogers of HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the April Board Packet. On Velva, Luke Rogers indicated demolition is currently underway on Phase 1. Luke Rogers showed some photographs of status of the project. Weekly progress meetings will take place every Wednesday.

On Mouse River Park, Steven Eberle provided an update to the Joint Board on the Mouse River Park Bridge. An Update Memo regarding Rural Bridges is contained in the April Joint Board Packet. Steven Eberle showed a drone flight updating the Joint Board on progress on the Mouse River Park Bridge.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the April Board Packet. The next meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled to commence on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium.

In Personal Appearances, Chairman Ashley invited any personal appearances to speak to the board. There were no public appearances at the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Ashley entertained a motion to adjourn.

Jason Sorenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

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