

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, October 3, 2024**

A meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Director Jason Sorenson at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium. Joint Board members in attendance were David Ashley, Jason Sorenson and Dan Steinberger.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

Dave Ashley made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft minutes of the September 5, 2024 regular meeting and September 30, 2024 special meeting were discussed.

Dan Steinberger made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024 regular meeting and September 30, 2024 special meeting. Dave Ashley seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman presented the Balance Sheet and Budget Report, and the Joint Board reviewed the Budget Report included in the October Board Packet.

Dave Ahley 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 October Board Packet totaling \$2,645,579.89. Director Sorenson opened it up for questions from the Board on each bill being considered for approval and advised the Verizon bill has been paid per normal process. Dan Steinberger asked about Barr Engineering, including the lump sum mobilization and per diem of \$7,500 on Page 64 of the October Board Packet. Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering advised those charges relate to geotechnical drilling performed by a subcontractor, Terracon, and this is in line with the contract entered into with them. Jason Westbrook explained the per diem includes meals and lodging for the two-man crew.

Dave Ashley moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$2,645,579.89. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-1. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jerry Bents explained the contractor continues to work through warranty punch list items.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-4. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated a special council meeting was held with the Minot City Council yesterday to discuss the eleven acquisitions that are proposed with the recommended alignment. Information was presented to provide more information about the options that were looked at previously to arrive at this alignment and explained that the current alignment is the most cost-effective option to

achieve the goal. Some additional cost comparison was requested, and it is hoped that a recommendation from the City will be brought to the SRJB at the November meeting.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated that construction continues and most of the road work is complete.

Jerry Bents updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jerry Bents advised the MI-6B Project (east end of the project) bid was accepted at the September 30, 2024 SRJB Special Meeting. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Dave Ashley asked Jerry Bents if the scheduling of the preconstruction meeting meets the timeliness concerns that Park Construction has raised. Jerry Bents advised that it does.

Jerry Bents updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-8 and MI-9. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jerry Bents advised that this is the phase that is under design. Most efforts in the last month have focused around bridge configuration on the north end. The alignments south of Eighth Avenue are also being worked on.

Ryan Ackerman updated the Joint Board on an action item relative to Phases MI-8/9. The USACE has provided a budget for completing the required review of Phase MI-8/9. These reviews are paid for by the SRJB through a Section 214 Agreement. The scope and estimate are contained in the Joint Board Packet.

Dan Steinberger moved to approve the Section 214 Agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the review of the Phase MI-8/9 in the amount of \$171,059.14 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SRJB. Dave Ashley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in October September Board Packet. Jason Westbrook advised that Mattson Construction has been busy with concrete work, pouring the foundations for the relocated Teddy monument, restroom and Magic City Express maintenance facility within Roosevelt Park. Wagner Construction plans to start hauling pre-consolidation material in the next week or two.

Jason Westbrook advised there are no real updates regarding WC-1. The Project Status Report is contained in the October Board Packet. A railroad coordination call with the three railroad groups is scheduled for next week.

Ryan Ackerman provided the SRJB with a Rural Program Update. Ryan Ackerman advised that staff has sent letters to the participating landowners on September 30, 2024 with preliminary designs and cost estimates for their properties. There are four or five landowners that additional surveys are needed on to finalize designs before reaching out to those landowners.

Troy Borchard of HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the October Board Packet. With respect to the Sawyer site, Troy Borchard indicated he is waiting to hear back from the Ward County Road and Bridge Engineer on whether the bump on the south end is completed. As soon as confirmation of that is received, the project will be closed out.

On the Mouse River Park site, Troy Borchard advised that legal language is being worked through on the alternative method of bidding the project. Once adjustments are finalized, the project will be readvertised. Jack Dwyer advised that the RFQ is in draft form and work is underway on edits to a EJCJC document (CMA 501 Form that aligns with state ACM project delivery method). The selection committee will meet in October to review the proposed documents.

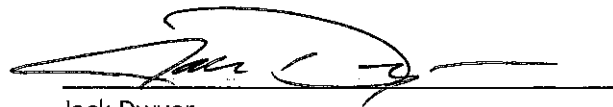
On the Velva site, Troy Borchard indicated the NDDOT reviewed the 95% plans and updated plans are being updated to incorporate their comments. NDDOT is not opposed to letting the project without fully signed permits with the USACE, FEMA and North Dakota Department of Water. All the documentation has been submitted and is being reviewed by those agencies.

With respect to the Eaton Irrigation Update, Chris Korkowski with HDR Engineering indicated the survey is complete and all the water control structures within the Eaton Irrigation were identified. As of this morning, they have all been incorporated into the hydraulic model.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the October Board Packet. The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for November 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Steinberger made a motion to adjourn. Dave Ashley seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Dwyer', written over a horizontal line.

Jack Dwyer
Legal Counsel