

Minutes of Meeting

Souris River Joint Water Resource Board

Thursday, January 2, 2020

A meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020, in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium, in the City of Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members attending the meeting were Mark Cook, Clif Issendorf, Dan Jonasson and Tom Klein. Chairman David Ashley attended the meeting via conference call. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present. A roster of those who attended the meeting is attached as Attachment A.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft Minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting were discussed.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2019 Joint Board meeting. Mark Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed 2020 regular meeting schedule of the Joint Board.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the proposed 2020 regular meeting schedule of the Joint Board that was presented at page 8 of the January 2020 Board Packet. Mark Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the January Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman provided an explanation to the Joint Board regarding the January Budget Report and some timing issues of debits and credits. Ryan Ackerman indicated that the Joint Board completed roughly \$52 million in projects in 2019.

Mark Cook moved to approve the December Budget Report. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the bills in the aggregate amount of \$1,725,406.58 as set forth in the January 2020 Board Packet. Chairman David Ashley provided an opportunity for questions on bills.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,725,406.58. Mark Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents from Houston Engineering provided the Joint Board with an update on Phase MI-1 and Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated that Phase MI-1 construction is approximately two thirds complete, with a current

schedule of having the floodwall completed by June of 2020. The floodwall was shortened to allow more flexibility with Phase MI-5 alignment. Jerry Bents indicated that the contractor has planned on backfilling the flood wall, and anticipates that the flood wall will largely be ready for 2020 spring flood fight. Jerry Bents provided an update on Phase MI-5 design work. Jerry Bents indicated that Houston was going to seek City of Minot approval of the MI-5 alignment at its mid-February meeting, and approval from the Joint Board at its March meeting. David LeBron from Souris River Design asked whether there would be additional acquisitions by the Joint Board. Jerry Bents indicated that if the technical preferred option is approved, additional acquisitions would likely be necessary.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase MI-2/3. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet. December progress focused on underground utilities in the 16th Street corridor, and bank stabilization work has commenced on the south side of the river. Regarding Phase MI-BU, the Colton Avenue Bridge contract is on suspension during winter, but the Bridge has been open since November. The levee project is out for public comment for USACE permitting, and additional acquisitions are necessary. Barr Engineering has been working through two comments regarding Phase WC-1 from the USACE. The first is seepage management through the levee, and the other relates to property restrictions, as additional excavation work in one area previously used for a borrow site suffers would jeopardize the levee. Jason Westbrook also indicated that Barr Engineering has been working with CP Rail for necessary improvements and corresponding impacts to CP Rail.

Ryan Ackerman explained that work was necessary within the Highway 83 right of way in relation to Phase WC-1, and directed the Joint Board's attention to a Cost Participation and Maintenance Agreement and Appendix found at page 259 of the January Board Packet.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve the Cost Participation and Maintenance Agreement and Risk Management Appendix and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Mark Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with an update regarding the StARR Program. The closings for the StARR Program have been completed. The Joint Board considered advertising structures acquires in the StARR Program for resale to the public.


Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids for resale of StARR Program structures as set forth on page 267 of the January 2020 Board Packet. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding a minimum bid. Ryan Ackerman indicated that the Joint Board does not have minimum bids for structures. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Dennis Reep from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained at page 291 of the January Board Packet. Regarding the Sawyer bridge, 60% plans are complete. The estimated schedule would be a full plan set delivered in June, with all reviews and permitting done by the end of year. Regarding Velva, the DOT contract has been signed, and HDR will issue a hydraulic report in the near future. HDR is coordinating a meeting with the City of Velva

regarding construction sequencing and access, and estimates a delivery date for plans and permitting by summer of 2021. For Mouse River Park, HDR has prepared an exhibit to discuss a potential land swap with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. HDR estimates a delivery date for plans and permitting by summer of 2021.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings as set forth in the January Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman indicated that a correction should be made to the Board Packet in that the January 20 meeting with the City of Minot is actually scheduled for January 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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



Jack Dwyer
Legal Counsel



Sign-In
 January 2, 2020
 Minot Municipal Auditorium

Name	Organization
Nathan Amick	Ackerman - Estvold
Brent Burgard	Ackerman - Estvold
Dan Jonasson	SRJB / City of Minot
Dusty Zimmerman	Ackerman - Estvold
Mark Cook	RCHRD - SRJB
Jerry Bents	Houston Envr.
Jack Dwyer	Dwyer Law
David Lebrun	Souris River Designs
Dennis Reap	HDR ENGINEERING
Clif Assenoff	SRJB + Bohms Co.
Jason Westbrock	Barr
Stan Saylor	land owner. self.
Andrew Thurston	land owner
DAN STEINBERGER	RENVILLE COUNTY WATER BOARD
Jally Johnson	Senator John Hoeven office
Tom Klein	SRJB - Ward County