

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, August 4, 2022**

A 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, August 4, 2022, in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium in Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members in live attendance were Clif Issendorf and Dan Jonasson. Joint Board members making a virtual appearance were Tom Klein and Dan Steinberger. A roster of those attending is attached as **Attachment A**.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

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

The draft minutes of the July 12, 2022 special meeting of the SRJB were discussed.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 special meeting of the SRJB. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the August Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet and Budget Report.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the Budget Report. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board next discussed the bills set forth in the August Board Packet totaling \$2,921,995.36. Chairman Ashley opened it up for questions from the Board on each bill being approved. Clif Issendorf directed attention to the Outlaw Creek bill and asked if any response from Fish and Wildlife has been received. Ryan Ackerman indicated an off-the-refuge alternative is being explored.

Clif Issendorf moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$2,921,995.36. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board reviewed a proposed contract amendment from Houston Engineering on MI-5B.2 relating the equipment storage building improvements being relocated to the Public Works Building in Minot. Clif Issendorf questioned whether the building has been moved already. Chairman Ashley indicated it has. Ryan Ackerman indicated the building relocation is being done in phases and this is related to work that has not yet been completed.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Task Order No. 20 with Houston Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$52,739.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements on behalf of the SRJB. Clif Issendorf 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. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. The project closeout phase is underway. A mediation with the contractor (Park Construction) will take place next Tuesday.

Jerry Bents updated on Phases MI-4A and MI-4B. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. Substantial completion has been issued on Phase MI-4A. A walk through on Phase MI-4A will take place in two weeks. Substantial completion has also been reached on Phase MI-4B.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. There are three total phases for the project, two of which are associated with the building relocation. The first was to move the building to public works and that was completed this spring (by Huey the House Mover). The second phase involves putting a concrete floor in the building, structural improvements to meet building codes, and overhead doors. This work was awarded to Rolac Contracting in July. A pre-construction meeting took place on Tuesday. The intent for the building when work is complete is storage of SRJB-related equipment. The big phase of MI-5 (referred to as MI-5A), which includes the pump station, pond, levee, flood wall, improvements on the south side, etc., is contracted with Wagner Construction. A visual of this phase was shown to the Joint Board. Work is underway excavating an area of the pump station.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. This is the primary phase under design right now and they are working their way toward 60% deliverable, which is anticipated by the end of August.

Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-2C. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. The contract was awarded to Wagner Construction and they are now getting started on work. Alignment will be staked out tomorrow and Wagner will start pipe installation next week. The directional bore under the county road is scheduled to begin August 15, 2022. The work is anticipated to take until this fall to complete and the contract should complete by the end of the year.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet. The 60% design package is completed, and reviews are taking place.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet. On Phase A (work that began last year), the levee is built up and topsoil has been placed. The rail closure is remaining but permission from CP is needed complete the rail closure once the Construction Maintenance Agreement is in place. On Phase B, the slurry cut off wall was completed last month. Testing results are coming in and look very favorable. Work will start on the rock ripple structure next week.

Jason Westbrook provided an update on Phase BU-1. A drone flight was shown to the Joint Board. The warranty period on Phase B is nearing and some inspections have started with Wagner. On Phase C, restoration on the dry side is being worked on and substantial completion is September 9, 2022 and final completion is October 11, 2022 so Bluestone is nearing the end of this project phase. Phase D is the last piece that will extend into 2023. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman advised the Joint Board of one update with the StARR program. Previously the Joint Board had agreed to convey property to Ward County around Talbott's Nursey and we are ready to do that transfer at this time. The deeds will be presented to the Joint Board for approval at the next meeting.

Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report from HDR Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the August Board Packet. Ryan Ackermann indicated that the Water Topics Overview Committee will be meeting in Minot on Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, September-20, 2022. The bus tour will leave the Sleep Inn and Suites Conference Center at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022. The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022.

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

The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium.



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