

## Minutes of Meeting

### Souris River Joint Water Resource Board

Thursday, March 5, 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, March 5, 2020, in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium, in the City of Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members attending the meeting were Chairman David Ashley, Dan Steinberger, Clif Issendorf, Dan Jonasson and Tom Klein. 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. David Ashley proposed Item 8c be removed from the agenda, due to more research being conducted on the topic. No additions to the agenda were made.

**Tom Klein made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

The draft Minutes from the February 6 meeting were discussed.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 6 Joint Board meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the March Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman discussed the Balance Sheet as shown in the Meeting Packet

**Clif Issendorf moved to approve the Budget Report included in the March Board Packet. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board discussed the bills as set forth in the March 2020 Board Packet. Chairman David Ashley provided an opportunity for questions on bills. A discussion was had regarding several Park Construction Company line items from Houston Engineering. Line items included 238, 263 and 266. Jerry Bents explained the line items including the need to modify existing sheet pile, the Broadway Pump Station HVAC and the need for a backup generator at the pump station.

**Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,799,760.22. Dan Jonasson 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 March Board Packet. Jerry Bents played a drone video for the Joint Board. Jerry Bents indicated that Phase MI-1 construction is approximately 72% to 73% complete as of the end of the 2019, with a current schedule of having the floodwall completed by the June 2020 and full completion of the project is expected to be late June 2021.

Jerry Bents provided an update on Phase MI-5 design work. A public input meeting was held on February 10 regarding MI-5. On Monday, March 2, a presentation on MI-5 was given to Minot City Council. At this point, the “technically preferred option,” will protect the north side of the railroad. The estimated cost for the technically preferred option is \$75M, which will require the acquisition of an additional 15 homes and 7 businesses. Jerry Bents provided several comments why the technically preferred option was selected, including costs, impacts, and the uncertainty surrounding the first alignment with BNSF. Minot City Council Members approved forwarding a recommendation for the alternative alignment. Council Members Wolsky and Pitner requested that the Joint Board take another look at the option before approving.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the alternative alignment of MI-5. Tom Klein seconded the motion. Jerry Bents provided some more context and explanation for the alternative alignment. Ryan Ackerman also provided some additional context for the recommendation. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

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 March Board Packet. Jason Westbrook provided a drone video to the Joint Board.

Jason Westbrook brought two change orders to the Joint Board. Change Order 60 relates to trucking costs to borrow site. Construction projects on the route will increase travel time and costs. A discussion was had of whether the trucking company knew of increased traffic when they put out the bid. Jason Westbrook explained that all known construction projects were taken into account. Detailed expenses can be found in the March Board Packet.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion approve Change Order 60. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. Clif Issendorf voted no, all others in favor. Motion passed.**

Change Order 61 relates to increased costs of pump station materials. A concrete pipe was not accounted for in the initial bid. Detailed expenses can be found in the March Board Packet.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve Change Order 61. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jason Westbrook also provided an update regarding Phase MI-BU. The 408 approval process is near complete, and the NEPA document has been submitted. There are 2 critical properties that still need to be acquired in order to build the full project, after which the levee project will be ready to bid. Jason Westbrook suggested splitting the bidding and construct the project in phases so construction can be started sooner.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve a phased construction plan. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jason Westbrook also provided an update regarding Phase WC-1, located on the west side of Minot near the Hwy 83 Bypass, which will serve as the tie-back for Phases MI-1, 2, and 3. The 100% drawings were submitted to the USACE in February. USACE has provided one comment of substance so far, others have yet to submit comments. Environmental 404 permitting is going to be a permit modification letter, no public notice needed.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with an update regarding the StARR Program. Dave Kohlman has inquired about taking over the maintenance of the adjacent property and wants to add that land to his current lease in order to control weeds for \$1.

Dennis Reep from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the March Board Packet. A public meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Velva and March 24<sup>th</sup> in Mohall regarding bridge projects. Plans that would not impede traffic was presented, although farm vehicles would not be accommodated, for Velva. For Mouse River Park, upon further investigation, a right of way permit might not be needed anymore. The Sawyer bridge has no other option but to detour traffic.

Ryan Ackerman explained the audit proposals found in the March Board Packet. Brady Martz has bid \$10,000 and Eide Bailey has bid \$11,000. Ryan Ackerman recommends Brady Martz for \$10,000.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to award audit services to Brady Martz. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board took note of future meetings as set forth in the March Board Packet. Several important upcoming meetings were noted and discussed.

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



Jack Dwyer  
Legal Counsel



Sign-In  
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Name	Organization
Nathan Amick	Ackerman - Estvold
Tom Klein	Ret SRJB
DAN STEINBERGER	RENVILLE WRB
Clif Issendorf	Bottinick + SRJB
John Wiley	Minot Alderman
David Lebrun	
JERRY BENT	
Jason Westbrock	Barr
DENNIS REEF	HDR ENGINEERING
Lynn Wupper	Ward County
Gale Johnson	Senator John Hoeven
Emelia Joan Braun	
David Lakefield	Minot - City
Dan Jonasson	City of Minot / SRJB
Ryan Ackerman	Ackerman - Estvold.
Paul Pitner	Minot Alderman