

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Friday, April 29, 2022**

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference. Joint Board members in attendance were Clif Issendorf, Dan Jonasson, and Dan Steinberger. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

Ryan Ackerman advised that authorization is being sought to award a bid for Phase MI-5A. A low bid was received from Wagner Construction in the amount of \$54,149,125. At the March 17, 2021 Special Meeting, the Board had discussed not signing contract documents until after an environmental decision is issued by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). At that meeting, the Board decided to accept the low bid of Wagner Construction for Phase MI-5A in the amount of \$54,149,125 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract documents on behalf of the SRJB once the environmental decision document is issued by the OLDCC; however, if the receipt of the OLDCC environmental decision document is not imminent by April 29, 2022, convene a special meeting of the SRJB on or before April 29, 2022, for purpose of considering other options. No decision has been issued yet. Ryan Ackerman advised that SRJB can only hold Wagner's low bid for a window of time and there is risk of Wagner no longer honoring the pricing if the award is not made soon.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to accept the low bid of Wagner Construction for Phase MI-5A in the amount of \$54,149,124; prohibit work in the area of the project funded through the OLDCC until the Finding of No Significant impact is received for the OLDCC environmental assessment; and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract documents on behalf of the SRJB. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

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



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