

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, June 1, 2023**

A meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom Klein at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium in Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members in attendance were Tom Klein, Dan Jonasson, Dan Steinberger (virtual), and Clif Issendorf (virtual). A roster of those attending is attached as **Attachment A**.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting. Clif Issendorf indicated that Mouse River was added as Agenda Item 17.

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 May 4, 2023 regular meeting of the SRJB were discussed.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023 regular meeting. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Brent Burgard presented the Budget Report and the Joint Board reviewed the Budget Report included in the June Board Packet. Brent Burgard 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 reviewed and approved bills set forth in the June Board Packet totaling \$1,123,493.92. Vice Chairman Klein opened it up for questions from the Board on each bill being considered for approval.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,123,493.92. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board considered three separate contract amendments. First was HDR Engineer's proposed amendment to the engineering contract for Phase VE-1 (Velva Bridge). Troy Borchard of HDR Engineering and Lyndon Pease of Moore Engineering presented details of the proposed amendment. The purpose of this amendment is to address a request by HDR's subconsultant, Moore Engineering, to increase the budget for their scope of work. The subconsultant has claimed that comments from the NDDOT, USACE, FEMA, and the City of Velva have caused additional effort beyond what was originally scoped. Details of the request are in the Board Packet. If the NDDOT provides funding for the addition of a shared use path on the Velva Bridge, another contract amendment with HDR Engineering will be forthcoming to address changes in the scope of work.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Amendment 3 with HDR Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$211,900 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board next considered Barr Engineering's Rural Acquisition amendment. Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering presented details on the proposed amendment. Barr Engineering and Ackerman-Estvold have been responsible for processing acquisitions associated with the project outside the city limits of Minot and also for processing acquisitions associated with railroad property in Minot. The scope of this work evolves as the project progresses. Historically, there have been contract amendments made to the Barr Engineering contract for acquisitions as the authorized budget established for the acquisitions is approached.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Amendment 3 with Barr Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board considered an engineering contract amendment for Phase MI-1. Houston Engineering is proposing an amendment to the Phase MI-1 contract for engineering services during construction. The purpose of this amendment is to compensate Houston Engineering for additional effort and delays associated with the completion of Phase MI-1, primarily related to the Broadway pump station.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Work Order 21 with Houston Engineering authorizing an increase of up to \$744,200 for additional engineering services during construction associated with Phase MI-1 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Clif Issendorf 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 June Board Packet.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-4. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents advised that CP Rail is having their consultant look at the substructure of the Sixth Street bridge. It is anticipated that those results will be received mid-June. Any adjustments will be determined once those results are received.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents advised that construction is underway. Wagner Construction has multiple crews working. A drone video with updates will be shown at the July meeting to show the updates.

Jerry Bents updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Design is continuing. Work has surpassed 90% completion and 100% is expected this summer.

Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-2C. A Project Status Report from is contained in the June Board Packet. Wagner Construction is onsite for restoration work. The work will be done in two weeks, at which time the contract can be closed out.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. There has been a lot of coordination with the zoo and the zoo director and park district regarding exhibits within the zoo.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Farmers Union took down their advertisements. Wagner Construction

is on site working through punch list items. Clif Issendorf questioned if water flowing is within the banks or starting to go into the gray area on gray area of the Power Point. Jason Westbrook indicated it is within the banks.

Jason Westbrook provided an update on Phase BU-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. On Phase BU-1B, Bluestone Construction expects to be done by the end of July. On Phase BU-1C, Bluestone Construction expects to be done with Phase BU-1C by the end of June.

Brent Burgard addressed the Joint Board regarding a previous request to re-advertise structures that originally no bids were received for, but later interest was shown. A second bid opening was held May 31, 2023 for two structures that were purchased through the StARR Program at 9311 79th Ave SE, Minot. Unfortunately, no bids were received.

Dan Jonasson moved to authorize the approval of the plan development and specifications for the demolition and restoration. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. On Mouse River Park, design and permit updates are moving forward. On Velva, confirmation from NDDOT is awaited on whether or not they will work through funding for adding a path to the bridge, so design is on hold until that confirmation is received.

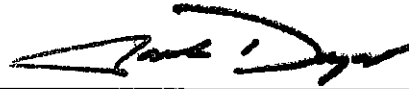
Ryan Ackerman presented the Joint Board with information on the Mouse River System Flows, following up on information emailed to the Joint Board yesterday. Ryan Ackerman indicated that Chairman Ashley indicated that concerns have been raised regarding flows and operation of the reservoirs upstream in Minot. Ryan Ackerman walked through the status of the various reservoirs on the system, how they have been operated, where they are sitting and the discharges that are currently coming out of them. Boundary Reservoir near Estevan is currently sitting at 560.8 meters (561 is full supply level). There is no additional flood control with Boundary Reservoir. Rafferty Reservoir is currently at full supply level of 550.5 meters. Full supply level is not necessarily indicative of full storage because flood control storage appears above full supply level. The Grant Divine Reservoir on Goose Mountain Creek is also at its full supply level at around 562 meters. Flows at Sherwood (which is discharge from reservoirs and any local inflow incurring from natural runoff) are around 280 cubic feet per second (cfs). Lake Darling Reservoir is sitting at 1597.0, which is 2/10 of a foot below full supply for that reservoir (Lake Darling Dam has additional flood control storage above full supply level). Currently out of Lake Darling there is 200 cfs being discharged. Inflow and outflow nearly match at that point, so not much is being stored at that point. Additional flow comes from the Des Lacs River (approximately 200 cfs) due to operation of the Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge. Clif Issendorf expressed concern over impacts to farmers. Ryan Ackerman reviewed the National Weather Service website, specifically their advanced hydrologic prediction service and the Bantry gauge (an indication of what they are seeing in specific areas). The Joint Board engaged in discussion regarding these concerns. A consensus was reached that a lot of the issues can be attributed to local precipitation and local runoff. Ryan Ackerman indicated he would be happy to discuss any concerns with specific people raising the concerns.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the June Board Packet. The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (virtually via Microsoft Teams). Clif Issendorf advised that the North Dakota Water Resource Districts are putting together a state-wide tour of Bottineau County, Lake Metigoshe, and the refuge and also tiling events.

That tour is on July 11, 2023 and starts at 8:00 a.m. in Bottineau, so Clif Issendorf indicated he will not be present at the July 10, 2023 special meeting.

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

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



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