

Minutes of Meeting

Souris River Joint Water Resource Board

Thursday, May 3, 2018

A regular 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, May 3, 2018, in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium, Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members attending the meeting were David Ashley, Clif Issendorf, Roger Sauer, Tom Klein and Dan Jonasson. A roster of those attending the meeting is attached as Attachment A.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting. Chairman David Ashley added a discussion of the July meeting schedule as Agenda Item No. 13.a. under Other Business.

**Tom Klein moved to approve the agenda. Roger Sauer seconded the motion. The motion was approved without opposition.**

Chairman David Ashley introduced Lance Gaebe, the new Executive Director of the Water Coalition, who thanked Chairman David Ashley for the introduction.

The draft Minutes from the April 5, 2018, meeting were discussed.

**Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 5, 2018, meeting. Roger Sauer seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board discussed the January through April 2018 Budget Report, included in the Board Packet as Agenda Item No. 4.

**Roger Sauer made a motion to approve the budget report. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board discussed Agenda Item No. 5 regarding bills. The bills that were considered by the Joint Board are as follows:

Firm	Project	Project No.	Acct	Cost
Barr Engineering	StARR Program	1974-14	6303	19,327.50
	BU-1 Burlington	1974-19	6308	40,668.55
	USACE Feasibility Study	1974-16	6306	70,170.36
	Phase 2 and 3 Construction	1974-26	6316	148,866.42
Houston Engineering	MI-5 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave Tieback	1974-19	6308	7,360.35
	Phase MI-1	1974-21	6321	62,810.78
	USACE Feasibility Study-WIK	1974-16	6306	82,487.87
Ackerman-Estvoid	Administration	N/A	6102	28,825.00
	IRSB Plan of Study	N/A	6203	1,800.00
	USACE Feasibility Study-WIK	1974-16		19,348.75

HDR Engineering	BU-1 MI-5 Ind Ext Review	1974-19	6308	1,325.58
Wagner Construction	Phase 2 and 3 Construction	1974-26	6316	299,984.42
AECOM	USACE Feasibility Study – WIK (Maple Economic Analysis)	1974-16	6306	1,754.75
Dwyer Law Office	Legal	N/A	6104	11,241.73
Richard Johnson	StARR Relocation	1974-14	6303	1,140.00
ND Guaranty	StARR Acquisition	1974-14	6303	1,279,266.23
ND Guaranty	Ward County Acquisition	1523-05		271,829.70
Verendry	StARR Utilities	N/A	6202	
Park Construction Company	Phase MI-1 Construction	1974-21	6321	1,391,050.58
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,739,258.57</b>

A discussion took place regarding the bills. A discussion regarding some dilapidated structures under the StARR Program took place. It was noted that the appraiser gave values for the structures in question; therefore the owner was compensated according to StARR Policy. Ryan Ackerman provided an explanation on the two different line items for ND Guaranty. Roger Sauer and Clif Issendorf expressed appreciation that construction was under way.

**Tom Klein made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,739,258.57. Roger Sauer seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jerry Bents provided the Joint Board with an update on Phase MI-1 and Phase MI-5. Jerry Bents referenced the Project Status Report on page 179 of the Board Packet. Jerry Bents provided the Joint Board with a time-lapse picture tour of various construction sites in Phase MI-1. Jerry Bents provided the Joint Board with expected construction activities at the various sites for Phase MI-1. Jerry Bents also presented the Joint Board with a virtual reality tour of the components and alignment of MI-5, recommending the “4C3T” alignment option. Dan Jonasson indicated that a committee recommended the approval of the “4C3T” alignment due to the cost savings and reduced social impact and acquisitions. Chairman David Ashley indicated that all of the many options were fully vetted by the engineering team.

Jason Westbrook provided the Joint Board with an update on Phase MI-2/3 construction. Jason Westbrook referenced the Project Status Report on page 183. Jason Westbrook indicated that the entire Phase MI-2/3 site was under construction, and provided the Joint Board with a time-lapse picture tour of the various construction sites. Jason Westbrook indicated that the plans and specifications for the alternative alignment in Burlington were near complete, but indicated that the USACE had permitting concerns regarding a non-transportation entity recommending changes to the transportation system.

Emily Huettl provided the Joint Board with an update on the StARR Program. Emily Huettl indicated that 4 StARR closings were scheduled for the upcoming month, together with the 2 Ward County acquisitions. Emily Huettl indicated that five sites were under demolition. Emily Huettl indicated that some of the first sites were near final completion and closeout. Emily Huettl indicated that one individual was interested in purchasing land (approximately 10 acres) from the Joint Board that was acquired through the StARR Program and subject to the no-build easement, which is not currently

allowed under the StARR Policy. Emily Huettl recommended reconvening the StARR committee to collaborate on the issue to possibly recommend StARR Program Policy changes. Emily Huettl indicated that the land would be likely be used for agricultural purposes. Clif Issendorf commented that all possible uses should be vetted by the StARR Policy Committee. Emily Huettl indicated that she had researched the several approved methods for reclamation of a groundwater well, as set forth by State Health. Dan Jonasson requested that administrator determine whether the property would need to be sold via public bid to comply with state law.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with a report regarding the USACE Feasibility Study. Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with a description of the Maple Diversion project features and options thereto. The Board Packet contains an update at page 185. Ryan Ackerman also provided the Joint Board with the financial aspects if the project is approved for federal funding.

The Joint Board discussed the possibility of conducting its July meeting at the summer water meetings, which are scheduled to be held in Williston from July 10 and 11.

**Clif Issendorf made a motion to direct the Administrator to coordinate with Project participants and Joint Board members to determine if the Joint Board's July meeting can be held during the North Dakota water summer meeting, and to schedule the July meeting accordingly. Roger Sauer seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jack Dwyer  
Legal Counsel



Sign-In  
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Name	Organization
Jason Westbrock	Barir
Lusy Zimmerman	Ackerman-Esthold
Brent Burgard	Ackerman-Esthold
Roger Clay	Moore Engineering
Roger Sauer	SRJD
Clay Assendorf	SRJB + BCWRD
Shay Wippen	Ward County
Jason Zimmerman	
Dennis Repp	HDR ENGINEERING INC.
Dave Lakefield	City of Minot
Lance Gaebe	Water Coalition
Duaniz Pool	BCWRD
Emily Hostetler	Ackerman-Esthold