Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, June 4, 2026

A regular 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 4, 2026, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium. Joint Board members in attendance were Jason Sorenson, Dan Steinberger and Clif Issendorf.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting. Under Other Business, Dan Steinberger added Legacy projects.

> **Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the Agenda. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

The draft minutes of the Souris River Joint Board's regular meeting of May 7, 2026 were discussed.

> **Dan Steinberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026 regular meeting. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

Ryan Ackerman of Ackerman-Estvold presented the Balance Sheet and Budget Report produced as of the end of April, copies of which were included in the June Joint Board Packet.

> **Jason Sorenson moved to approve the Budget Report. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board next considered a contract amendments, Task Order 13 CP Analysis-HDR Engineering. HDR Engineering is proposing Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 13. This is related to continued services on the Canadian Pacific Renewal, Replacement Cost Analysis. Details were included in the Joint Board Packet.

> **Jason Sorenson moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 13 with HDR Engineering in the amount not to exceed $18,550.00 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SRJB. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

The Joint Board reviewed and discussed various bills set forth in the June Board Packet totaling $5,097,519.71. Vice Chairman Klein opened it up for questions from the Joint Board on each bill being considered for approval. On Barr Engineering, Dan Steinberger asked about Task 320 River Closure consultant/advisor for 141 hours and the question posed was whether this is a customary bill. Jason Westbrock of Barr Engineering indicated that individual has been putting in the time to address design issues that are needed so it is an expected amount of hours. On HDR Engineering, Dan Steinberger questioned whether it is customary that Engineer 5 logged 276 hours on Velva Bridge. Dennis Reep of HDR Engineering explained that Engineer 5 is the resident project engineer that spends the majority of the time on site during construction, so this is normal.

> **Dan Steinberger moved to approve the payment of bills totaling $5,097,519.71. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated on Phase MI-4. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated the two teams are working to advance to 95% and delivery of that is expected for August 13, 2026. Jerry Bents indicated there is an action item with this phase, a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Minot. The City of Minot is proposing a memorandum of agreement to address the additional costs associated with construction of a roundabout in lieu of a standard intersection. The city agrees to pay one hundred percent of the incremental costs associated with the implementation of the roundabout. Full details were included in the Joint Board Packet.

> **Jason Sorenson moved to approve the memorandum of agreement and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SRJB. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated construction is in the final stages and the contractor is working through remaining punch list items. The contract closeout date is July 31, 2026. A claim from the contractor regarding the defective work notice has been received.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated this phase has been pretty active and showed a drone video to update the Joint Board. is back running in full effect and played a drone video to show the Joint Board updates on this phase.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering provided an update to the Joint Board on Phase MI-8/MI-9. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated there has not been a lot of activity in the last month. The 90% report has been submitted.

Jason Westbrock of Barr Engineering updated the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Jason Westbrock showed a new drone video to update the Joint Board on this phase.

Jason Westbrock advised the Joint Board that Rolac Contracting is proposing Change Order No. 1 for the Timber Framed Canopy that was not awarded as part of the original MI-7J contract. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Minot Park District was approved at the April special meeting for the Timber Framed Canopy and the funding source has been secured. Details were included in the Joint Board Packet.

> **Jason Sorenson moved to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $310,600.00 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SRJB. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Jason Westbrock of Barr Engineering provided an update to the Joint Board regarding WC-1. The Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Jason Westbrock indicated there was a very productive call with CPKC staff and Dwyer Law yesterday to work through final wording suggestions of the proposed agreements (Memorandum of Understanding, Operation and Maintenance, and Construction Maintenance). CPKC agreed to finalize their comments and send a cleaner version.

Jason Westbrock of Barr Engineering indicated there is not much new to report at this time for the PER Update. A PER Update Memo was included in the Joint Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with a Rural Program Update. An written report summarizing the current work of the FARM-TW is contained within the June Joint Board Packet and explained the highlights to the Joint Board.

Luke Rogers of HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. On Velva, Luke Rogers provided a drone flight to the Joint Board.

On Mouse River Park, Steven Eberle of Ackerman-Estvold Construction Management provided an update to the Joint Board on the Mouse River Park Bridge. An Update Memo regarding Rural Bridges is contained in the June Joint Board Packet.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the June Board Packet. The next meeting of the Joint Board is a special meeting scheduled to commence on July 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in Watford City, North Dakota. Three additional events Ryan Ackerman brought to the attention of the Joint Board were (1) an update in front of the State Water Commission on June 9, 2026; (2) the Water Topics Overview Committee meeting on June 10, 2026; and (3) a visit from the St. Paul District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected on June 23, 2026. Ryan Ackerman indicated that more details on these events will follow.

In Personal Appearances, Vice Chairman Tom Klein invited any personal appearances to speak to the board. Billi Gunderson made an appearance. Ms. Gunderson presented a map of the layout of MI-6 and MI-7 as she navigates around Roosevelt Park. Ms. Gunderson showed additional photographs and expressed concerns over handicap accessibility at the construction sites.

In Other Business, Dan Steinberger raised Legacy projects. Dan Steinberger indicated that he spoke with Mark Cook, who was previously on the SRJB Joint Board. Mr. Cook mentioned there was a Pleasant Bridge in Renville County that had been added to a project list. Dan Steinberger questioned whether a general project list had been created many years ago. Ryan Ackerman indicated he was not familiar with a list that would have a specific bridge on it beyond the ones planned. Dan Steinberger provided information on the location of the bridge and Ryan Ackerman indicated the only idea he can recall being discussed was potentially doing a removal there that could qualify for some conveyance improvement funds but there was nothing that Ryan Ackerman recalled that would provide for a replacement of that bridge.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Tom Klein entertained a motion to adjourn.

> **Clif Issendorf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.**

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