

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Tuesday, January 25, 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 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference. Joint Board members in attendance were Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf 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 advertise for bids for Phase BU-1D. Ryan Ackerman indicated that all of Burlington will be finished once this portion is complete.

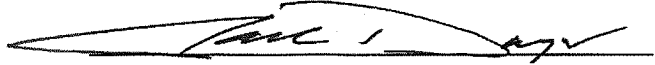
Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve plans and specs and authorize advertising for bids for Phase BU-1D. Tom Klein seconded the motion. Dan Steinberger questioned whether there are any concerns about running into issues with the slurry wall. Ryan Ackerman indicated there are no concerns with respect to proposed design. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The SRJB next discussed authorization to advertise for bids for Phase SA-2. Ryan Ackerman updated the Joint Board on the bid replacement for the bridge in Sawyer. The estimate for the replacement is approximately \$5.122 million. The replacement is roughly 280 feet long from abutment to abutment. There will also be roadway modifications to accommodate the bridge replacement.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve plans and specs and authorize advertising for bids for Phase SA-2. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. Dan Steinberger questioned whether the project was reviewed with the Ward County Commissioners. Ryan Ackerman indicated review was conducted with the Ward County Highway Department, but Ryan Ackerman has also updated the Commission on the project. Dan Steinberger asked about rip rap and culverts on the north side of County Road 23 for the water to cross to the east side of the roadway. Troy Borchard responded with specifics on the project. Dan Steinberger pointed out the significant erosion since 2010 and questioned why more bend of the river is not being removed rather than having drastic turns. Ryan Ackerman provided historical context. Tom Klein added additional historical information. Troy Borchard provided logistical reasons for the plans and specs. Troy Borchard advised the channel bottom was left where it is today and a bench was built on the north side above the ordinary high level but not down at the ordinary high level so the river should continue to follow its normal path. Also raised the bridge so that if had a 2011 again, the water would not get to the bridge. Troy Borchard also advised the USACE does not generally favor redirecting rivers, even in small rivers. Dan Steinberger voiced additional concerns about the future and minimizing the potential impact on the rip rap, it would be worth investigating doing some upstream excavation. Troy Borchard indicated this is the first portion of the project and levee work is only being performed in the area of the bridge at this time. The intent is to come back and do additional levee work (raising the levee on the east side and raising it to the west). When that project comes back through, it would be an excellent time to review this and add that work. Ryan Ackerman showed the plans for Sawyer to illustrate what the next phases

look like. After discussion, it was clear that ideas aligned, it is just a question of implementation and timeframe. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Dwyer", written over a horizontal line.

Jack Dwyer
Legal Counsel