

Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, October 1, 2020

A 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, October 1, 2020, by way of a Microsoft Teams video conference call. The speakerphone was available in the Broadway Conference Room at Ackerman-Estvold located at 1907 17th Street SE, Minot, North Dakota, and call in information was provided on the public notice for the meeting. Joint Board members attending the meeting were Chairman David Ashley, Dan Steinberger, Dan Jonasson, and Tom Klein. Clif Issendorf was present for a portion of the meeting. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting. Ryan Ackerman requested to add an item to the agenda, regarding the resale of StARR property.

Dan Steinberger made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft minutes from the September 3, 2020, meeting were discussed.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 3, 2020, Joint Board meeting. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the October Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet included in the Board Packet.

Dan Steinberger moved to approve the Budget Report included in the October Board Packet. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the bills set forth in the October Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired why the Board was buying a phone for Barr Engineering. Jason Westbrook stated that the phone was for the construction trailer at the Burlington site.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,913,177.45. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents from Houston Engineering provided the Joint Board with an update on Phase MI-1. Jerry Bents provided a drone video of the project to the Joint Board. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet.

Jerry Bents provided an update on Phase MI-4A design work. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet.

Jerry Bents provided an update on Phase MI-5 design work. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase MI-2/3. Jason Westbrook provided a drone video of the project to the Joint Board. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about the sign verbiage in order to keep motorized vehicles off of the dike. Ryan Ackerman said that is still in the works but should be ready by next meeting. Dan Steinberger inquired about the hydroseeding and the dry conditions. Jason Westbrook explained that the results will have to wait until spring but that will still be within the warranty period. Ryan Ackerman proposed Change Order 64, which compensates Wagner Construction for removing and replacing the north structural approach slab on the 16th Street bridge. The slab has settled over time in excess of 3", which has led to grading and drainage issues. The total cost is \$94,180.53.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve Change Order 64 for an amount not to exceed \$94,180.53 and authorize the chairman to sign the contract. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase BU-1. Jason Westbrook provided a drone video of the project to the Joint Board. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about the concrete mixture used for the slurry walls and the integrity of the concrete during freeze-thaw cycles. Jason Westbrook explained the process of putting the walls in place, and that the structure is below the frostline.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet. Jack Dwyer provided an update on the Wayne Moe property. He explained that his office has negotiated with Wayne Moe's attorney, but that due to the nature of the taking and the nature of Mr. Moe's request he recommended moving forward with the acquisition process outlined under 61-16.1-09(2)(b). He is waiting on an updated appraisal to prepare a "formal offer," and he estimated that taking possession of the property would occur in approximately 120 days.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with an update regarding the StARR Program. A Status Report is contained in the October Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman noted that some landowners were interested in buying some of the properties held by the Board. He suggested putting the properties out for public bidding again.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the sale of properties owned by the Board and acquired through the StARR program out for public bidding. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report from HDR Engineering is contained in the October Board Packet.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings as set forth in the October Board Packet. Several important upcoming meetings were noted and discussed.

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



Jack Dwyer
Legal Counsel