

Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, August 6, 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, August 6, 2020, by way of a WebEx conference call. The speakerphone was located 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, Clif Issendorf and Tom Klein. 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.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft Minutes from the July 9, 2020, meeting were discussed.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 9, 2020, Joint Board meeting. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

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

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

The Joint Board discussed engineering contract amendments found in the August Board Packet. The Houston Engineering amendment pertains to the administration of the Strata Corporation construction contract for Phase MI-4A.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Task Order 13 with Houston Engineering, with the exception of Task 7, in an amount not to exceed \$499,730 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement, included in the August Board Packet. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The first Barr Engineering amendment pertains to items relating to the design of Phase WC-1 that were outside the original scope of the contract. These include additional evaluation of alternatives related to the Canadian Pacific Railroad crossing, addition of a seepage cutoff, splitting construction documents into two separate phases, and the administration of two separate bid lettings.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Amendment 1 to Task Order 9 with Barr Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 and authorize the chairman to sign the amendment, included

in the August Board Packet. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The second Barr engineering amendment pertains to the administration of the acquisition of properties. The amendment is expected to fund acquisition activities through the end of 2020. Dan Jonasson inquired about how many properties the first \$600,000 acquired. Ryan Ackerman stated that approximately fifty-five properties (55) have been acquired or partially acquired, with twelve (12) remaining.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Amendment 1 to Task Order 10 with Barr Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 and authorize the chairman to sign the amendment, included in the August Board Packet. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the bills as set forth in the August 2020 Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained that the Verizon bill was listed separate because it is related to the set up of the new computers issued to Board members. Dan Steinberger inquired about reimbursable expenses to First District Health Unit on the Houston Engineering bill. It was explained that it is for bacterial water analyses. Dan Steinberger inquired about the Wagner Construction bill regarding over excavation, the landfill and the borrow site. It was explained that the over excavated areas are areas that may contain poor soils or utility lines, trucking costs to the landfill and maintaining the borrow site were the reasons for the costs. Dan Steinberger inquired about the Beyond Shelter bill regarding liability insurance. It was explained that all contractors and the SRJB carry liability insurance for all activities. Dan Steinberger inquired about the Brady Martz bill regarding a billing summary. It was explained that one is issued at the end of their audit.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,286,021.18. Clif Issendorf 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 August Board Packet.

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

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

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase BU-1. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet.

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 August Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with an update regarding the StARR Program. A Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet. Bids for the StARR demolition and site restoration opened on August 3, with five bidders. Bid tabs can be found in the August Board Packet.

Tom Klein moved to award the contract to Klimpel Excavating for site 1 and D.L. Barkie Construction for site 2 and 3. Dan Steinberger 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 from HDR Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about members of the public that don't have internet access and what the feedback method would be. It was explained that the lack of internet access for some will have to be worked through, with public access television and a paper briefing as options.

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

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



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