

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 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 Dan Steinberger, Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf and Dan Jonasson. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

The meeting opened with Ryan Ackerman explaining that sealed bids were opened for Phase BU-1C on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Six total bids were received – from Bluestone Construction Inc., Wagner Construction Inc., Strata Corporation, Martin Construction Inc., Park Construction, and NW Construction Inc. The bids ranged from a low of around \$6.595 million to a high of around \$10.206 million. The Engineer's Estimate was \$8,297,940.00. Bluestone Construction, Inc. submitted the low bid at \$6,595,030.80. Ryan Ackerman confirmed the engineering team conducted their due diligence and requested qualification statements from the low bidder. Requests were all adequately satisfied, so it was recommended that the Board accept the bid of Bluestone Construction, whose bid was \$6,595,030.80.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to accept the low bid of Bluestone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,595.030.80 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and applicable notices, contingent upon receipt of applicable permits and approval of local funding by the Minot City Council. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman explained that Barr Engineering is proposing a contract amendment that would allow for construction engineering and administration services for BU-1C, which was recently bid by the Souris River Joint Board. Action was recommended to approve Amendment 1 to Task Order No. 11.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve Barr Engineering Amendment 1 to Task Order No. 11 for engineering services during construction related to Phase BU-1C in an amount not to exceed \$1,020,700.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, contingent upon approval of local funding by the Minot City Council. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman explained SRJB is required as a condition of the 408 Permit to engage in Independent External Peer Review for both design and construction activities of the MREFPP Construction Phases BU-1B and BU-1C. HDR was selected during procurement process for Independent External Peer Review. Action was recommended to approve the HDR Engineering Task Order No. 9.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve HDR Engineering Task Order No. 9 for Independent External Review Services in an amount not to exceed \$97,530.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, contingent upon approval of local funding by the Minot City Council. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board took note of the next meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on May 6, 2021.

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



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