

Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, March 4, 2021

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, March 4, 2021, by way of a Microsoft Teams video conference call. The speakerphone was available in the Broadway Conference Room at Ackerman-Estvoid 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, Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf and Dan Jonasson. 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.

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

The draft minutes from the February 4, 2021, meeting were discussed.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 4, 2021, Joint Board meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the March Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet and Budget Report included in the Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about the USGS Gaging Station. Ryan Ackerman indicated that the invoice for the 50% share has not been created and will be reflected in next month's report.

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

The Joint Board discussed the bills set forth in the March Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about overtime reflected on a Barr Engineering and Houston Engineering invoices. Jason Westbrook and Jerry Bents indicated that it was overtime and that it was the same rate.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,388,636.82. 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 March Board Packet.

Jerry Bents provided an update on Phase MI-4A design work. The Project Status Report from Houston includes information regarding Phase MI-4A.

design (from feasibility level to completion) and construction of the project. The Planning, Engineering and Design (PED) budget included in the Feasibility Study was \$9.036 million (2018 dollars). If approved, the total authorized for the PED for the Maple Diversion, following the delivery of the USACE Feasibility Study, will be \$8.918 million.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Work Order 14 with Houston Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$2,621,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Amendment 2 to Task Order 8 with Barr Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$2,322,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman provided a legislative update to the Board.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings as set forth in the March Board Packet. Dave Ashley noted that legislature is in session.

Ryan Ackerman inquired whether the financial reporting process could be changed. The change would report financials one month later in order to get the board packet out in a more timely manner. Ryan Ackerman requested that Chairman Ashley modify the financial reporting to introduce a one month lag time (so at the upcoming April meeting the SRJB would be considering the closed books from February instead of March). That timing adjustment would allow the packet to be circulated in a much more timely manner. Chairman Ashley and the board members agreed with the sense of that modification.

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



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