

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, June 2, 2022**

A meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom Klein at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022, in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium in Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members in attendance were Clif Issendorf, Dan Jonasson, Tom Klein, and Dan Steinberger. A roster of those attending is attached as **Attachment A**.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The draft minutes of the May 5, 2022 regular meeting of the SRJB were discussed.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2022 regular meeting of the SRJB. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the June Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet and Budget Report through April 30, 2022, explaining balance sheet assets/liabilities and profit and loss. Money has been received from McHenry, Renville, and Ward Counties.

Clif Issendorf moved to approve the Budget Report. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board next discussed the bills set forth in the June Board Packet totaling \$1,359,746.95. Vice Chairman Tom Klein opened it up for questions from the Board on each bill being approved.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,359,746.95. Dan Steinberger 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. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Work is being performed on the punch list for the project and complete construction is expected later this year.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-4A and Phase MI-4B. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Work is being performed on the punch list for Phase MI-4A. It is expected that work will be fully complete within the next month. On MI-4B, work is proceeding well (boring across the river has been completed and the boring on east side was recently completed). It is expected that the water connections and paving work to be done by around June 20, 2022. Substantial completion is expected by August 1, 2022.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. The contract with Wagner Construction has been approved but not signed. Wagner Construction is working through insurance requirements that are part of the contract but it is expected that the contract will be signed soon. Wagner's work will likely start on the east end by the pump station. A detailed schedule would be issued by Wagner within ten days of signing the contract.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. The 30% design submittal is complete, and comments were received. A public meeting was held two weeks ago and that was well attended, with lots of good comments and questions. Goal delivery for 60% design is August of this year. Dan Steinberger wondered what the most common question was at the public meeting. Timing of construction was probably the most common question. Concerns were addressed at the public meeting, including that the alignment does not remove any of the businesses from the downtown area. No changes in design stemmed from the meeting.

Jason Westbrook updated on Phase MI-2C. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Wagner will not get going on construction until August.

Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Comments for the 30% design have been received from the USACE and City. It is anticipated that 60% delivery will be complete by the end of summer. Dan Steinberger asked about the direction of the surface water. Jason Westbrook advised some will go to the sanitary system, and some of the stormwater runoff will be directed toward the oxbow, but no penetrations through the system will exist other than the pump station. Tom Klein asked whether stormwater problems for residents are being considered. Jason Westbrook advised there should be no such impact.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the June Board Packet. Both phases are under construction right now. The Crocker home was relocated yesterday. Wagner Construction has full access to the site, and they are working on building up their building pad in preparation for the slurry cutoff wall machine to come in (in about two weeks). Substantial completion of this work should be reached by the end of the summer.

Jason Westbrook provided an update on Phase BU-1. Bluestone is working on paving and punch list items right now. Substantial completion should be ready by the end of summer. On BU-1D, Bluestone has been working on the demo clearing work and started to build up their working pad for the slurry cutoff installation after the Fourth of July.

Ryan Ackerman advised the Joint Board that the StARR program has no updates.

Ryan Ackerman discussed Outlaw Creek, presenting a timeline memo that reconstructs events dating back to March of 2019, to allow the Joint Board detailed notes regarding the history of events to ensure the Joint Board is up to date. Clif Issendorf thanked Ryan Ackerman for compiling this information. Clif Issendorf raised questions about whether there would be additional gradient heading north instead of east. Ryan Ackerman advised that there is not a lot of grade to work with as you head east. From a conveyance standpoint, going north is better. When verbal acceptance was received, SRJB proceeded with that design. When that was later rejected, the project stopped. Viability of draining along the county road is currently being evaluated. By next month there should be an update for the Joint Board's consideration. Clif Issendorf also discussed the compacting of the soil in that area and the thatch problem from the flood.

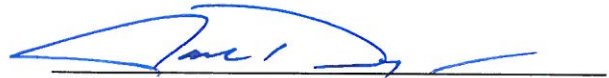
Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report from HDR Engineering is contained in the June Board Packet. Sawyer is under construction, and the cameras are up. Work is being performed on the north pier footing now. The coffer dam is all completed. For Mouse River Park, the design team is awaiting comments from the USACE before submitting the

Section 408 permit application. It is expected that the project will be bid three months from when the 408 applications is submitted (likely around October). With respect to Velva, an access agreement for levy maintenance from the DOT is being worked on, and design work is being done to achieve the 60% design. Bridge design and road design are at about the 60% point. A meeting date with the DOT is awaited to show them the plan and receive comments.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the June Board Packet. On June 23, 2022, there is a Water Topics Overview Committee Meeting. On July 6, 2022, there will be a Water Commission Basin Hosted Planning Meeting.

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

The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fargo Holiday Inn.



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