

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, March 28, 2024**

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held via Teams/Teleconference. Joint Board members in attendance were Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf, and Jason Sorenson.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting. Including (1) the Minot Area Chamber EDC Borrow Agreement; (2) Authorization to Bid MI-7E; and (3) Auditee Certification Authorization.

Ryan Ackerman explained the Minot Area Chamber EDC Borrow Agreement. The Minot Area Chamber EDC owns property in close proximity to Phase MI-6 and MI-7 that is intended to serve as a borrow source for levee material for Phase MI-6 and MI-7. Compensation terms are listed in the agreement in the Joint Board packet. The material changes include increased rent (from \$50.00 per acre per year to \$85.05 per acre per year), which amounts to around \$500 per year. Secondly, the royalty payments increased from 75 cents per cubic yard to 80 cents per cubic yard. Additionally, approximately 52,000 cubic yards of excess material that would otherwise need to be hauled off site will be taken with two trips with the contractor's trucks (resulting in cost savings of approximately \$250,000-\$500,000).

Tom Klein made a motion to approve the borrow agreement with the Minot Area Chamber EDC and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the SRJB. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

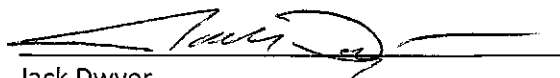
Ryan Ackerman presented the Authorization to Bid Phase MI-7E. The plans were presented to the Joint Board. It is proposed to split into two separate contracts, with the grading pieces called levee construction and utility work being one contract and the floodwall pieces being a second contract. The levee construction on the north side of the site (Contract #1) has an estimated contract price of \$11.3 million. The floodwall project (Contract #2) is estimated at just over \$20 million. The contracts will be prepared in a way such that a contractor can bid for both contracts. With SRJB approval, this would be published for three weeks, beginning April 5, 2024. Bids would be opened on May 10, 2024.

Jason Sorenson made a motion to approve plans and specifications for Phase MI-7E and authorize advertisement for bids. Clif Issendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

With respect to Auditee Certification Authorization, Ryan Ackerman advised that in order to finalize the audit submission requirement of the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC), the Souris River Joint Board is required to review and certify as the auditee the December 31, 2022 Final Audit Report. This process is completed through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse or app.fac.gov website.

Tom Klein made a motion to authorize Brent Burgard to certify electronically the 2022 Final Audit Report submittal on behalf of the SRJB. Jason Sorenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Ashley declared the meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Dwyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Jack Dwyer
Legal Counsel