

Minutes of Meeting  
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board  
Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Minot City Auditorium, Minot, North Dakota

A regular meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman David Ashley on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Community Room of the Minot City Auditorium in Minot North Dakota. Joint Board members attending the meeting were David Ashley, Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf, and Dan Jonasson in person, and Roger Sauer by telephone conference. A quorum was declared. Others in attendance are listed on Attachment A.

The board reviewed the agenda. David Ashley stated that an additional item would be presented by Clif Issendorf, relating to the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative. There being no further additions, it was moved by Dan Jonasson, seconded by Clif Issendorf, that the agenda be approved with the addition. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Joint Board Meeting. After review, it was moved by Dan Jonasson, seconded by Tom Klein, that the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed and approved invoices as follows:

1. It was moved by Dan Jonasson, seconded by Clif Issendorf, that the invoice from Barr Engineering for Environmental and Design in the amount of \$ 202,911.98 be approved. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
2. It was moved by Dan Jonasson, seconded Tom Klein, that the invoice from Houston Engineering for Environmental and Design in the amount of \$40,480.75 be approved. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ryan Ackerman reported on the STARR Program. Ackerman reported that himself, David Ashley, and Mike Dwyer had attended a meeting with the State Water Commission to review the final STARR Program proposal, and that an application had been submitted for cost share for the STARR Program. Tim Fay recommended sending a follow-up letter to the SWC from the SRJB acknowledging that the moneys for the STARR program are anticipated to come out of the MREFPP moneys already allocated by the SWC/Legislature. Ackerman indicated that the initial information had been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, with a final report to be delivered in April.

Chairman Ashley called on Jerry Bents from Houston Engineering to provide an update on Phase One. Bents reported that the project alignment had been set, and Houston was working on details including the design of the pump station, Broadway Bridge reconstruction coordination, public utility relocations, floodwalls, and environmental impact statement requirements. Bents indicated the 60% delivery date would be March 23, 2016.

Chairman Ashley called upon Jason Westbrook from Barr Engineering to provide an update on Phase Two and Phase Three of the project. Westbrook indicated that Barr Engineering was working on details to get to 90% completion, including addressing the NAWS Crossing, coordination with the Minot Parks District, pump station, and environmental impact statement requirements. Westbrook indicated there would be a Q and A session on Centennial Forest, and a package will be available for the March meeting. Barr indicated that they would like to meet with legal counsel to address questions for construction contracts.

Ryan Ackerman reported that the Independent External Peer Review had been initiated with a kick-off meeting with HDR.

Abbi Dorn from Ackerman-Estvold provided an update on SWIF. Dorn reported that a 90% submittal had been provided to the Corps of Engineers and project sponsors (SRJB, City of Minot, and WCWRD) in December, and that comments were being received. Dorn reported that the SWIF document would be revised after all comments had been received. Upon revision, the document will be submitted to the project sponsors (SRJB, City of Minot, and WCWRD) for adoption/acceptance. After adoption/acceptance, the 100% Document would be submitted to the USACE for final approval.

Ryan Ackerman reported on field work relating to the J. Clark Salyer Refuge. Ackerman reported that a Canadian survey group had been retained to provide survey information in Canada. Ackerman reported that the Souris River is very flat in Canada, as there is a two foot drop over the first seven miles. Clif Issendorf inquired whether Ackerman could have done the survey work in Canada. Ackerman replied it was simpler and more efficient to retain a Canadian group to conduct the survey work in Canada. Ackerman will prepare a report and email it to the Board.

The board discussed the announcement that the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project had been included as a new start for the Corps of Engineers. It was suggested by Dan Jonasson that the Joint Board send letters to the Congressional Delegation thanking them for their efforts to have the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project included as a new start. It was reported that the scoping process would take three years and cost approximately 3 million dollars.

Chairman Ashley reported on the meeting with Governor Dalrymple concerning the request for a 75% cost share for the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. It was reported that the Governor indicated the State Water Commission would likely utilize the 60% cost share in current policy, unless otherwise directed by the Legislative Assembly.

Mike Dwyer was called upon to provide a summary of water funding for the current and future bienniums. The statewide water funding and needs presented by Dwyer is Attachment B. Dwyer also reported on the North Dakota Water Users funding and policy task force created to provide grassroots group support from the water community for water funding and water policy issues.

Lee Staab, City Manager of Minot, reported on the award to the City of Minot for the National Disaster Resilience Competition, in the amount \$74.3 million dollars. Staab presented a short video relating to the application, and indicated that New York City had received \$176 million, New Orleans \$141 million,

and Minot \$74.3 million. Staab reported that the criteria for the application was to reduce flooding and increase resilience, to build community and neighborhoods, and to strengthen economic resilience.

Chairman Ashley reported that the International Souris River Board of Control would be meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck at the Kelly Inn. Clif Issendorf inquired whether this meeting was open for public input. David Ashley indicated he did not think this was a public input meeting.

Ryan Ackerman reported that FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss permitting. Ackerman stated he does not foresee any road blocks and the goal is still construction for 2017.

Clif Issendorf reported on meetings on the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative. Issendorf presented three examples of impact to the United States from actions in Canada. Issendorf indicated that he would be pursuing redress of these issues through the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative.

Tim Fay offered comments about funding, suggesting ongoing communication between the Souris River Joint Board and the State Water Commission concerning funding issues. Fay also noted that he was looking forward to working with the City of Minot with regard to the portion of the NDRC project that addresses the plan of study already underway with the ISRB.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Michael Dwyer  
Legal Counsel



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## Statewide Water Funding and Needs: 2015-2017 and Beyond

	2015/SB 2020	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Fargo Flood	69,000,000	66,500,000	66,500,000	66,500,000	66,500,000
Fargo Flood (RTF + DR)	60,000,000				
Missouri River Flood (DR)	4,000,000				
Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant	30,000,000	30,000,000			
Central ND Water Supply	70,000,000				
Sovereign Lands	1,000,000				
<b>Other Flood</b> 113,000,000					
Grafton Flood	25,000,000				
Valley City/Lisbon/FR Flood	30,000,000				
Williston Flood	7,000,000				
Devils Lake	11,000,000	10,000,000			
Mouse River Flood	40,000,000				
Minot/Ward County Acquisitions					
Other Acquisitions					
Red River Valley Water Supply	5,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
Rural Water Systems    130,000,000	50,000,000				
Municipal Water Systems 85,000,000	40,000,000				
Southwest Pipeline Project	55,000,000				
Northwest Area Water Supply	10,000,000				
Western Area Water Supply Authority	60,000,000				
Other Water Supply	11,000,000				
Revolving Loan Fund (IRLF)	25,000,000				
General Water Management	61,000,000				
SWC Agency Administration		27,000,000			
Loan Payments		8,000,000			
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>664,000,000</b>				

\* Does not include payments to energy funds or agency operations

Revenues	2015-17	2017-19
Unobligated/Cash Carryover	196,000,000	0
New RTF Revenues (February 2016)*	209,000,000	?
Disaster Relief Funds**	34,000,000	0
Water Development Trust Fund***	34,500,000	18,000,000
Line of Credit	200,000,000	
SWPP	11,400,000	12,000,000
Interest	3,400,000	?
Misc	1,200,000	

\* March 2015 forecast was \$268 million

\*\* One time funding

\*\*\*\$8 million required next biennium for Bank of North Dakota loan payments (2030)

### Major Projects

F-M Diversion  
 Minot/Souris Flood  
 RRVWS  
 NAWS  
 WAWS  
 SWPP

### Other Projects

General Water Management/Small Flood Control  
 Irrigation  
 Rural Water Systems  
 Municipal Water Systems