

**Minutes of Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, August 3, 2023**

A meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium. Joint Board members in attendance were Tom Klein, Dan Steinberger, Dan Jonasson and Clif Issendorf.

The Joint Board discussed the proposed Agenda for the meeting.

Tom Klein made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The USACE Silver Jackets presented on NOAA/NWS Floodplain Mapping. The inundation mapping project was initiated through the Silver Jackets program with the goal of developing inundation maps for the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) forecast points in the Souris River basin. The program began in 2019 and has been completed in four phases.

The draft minutes of the July 10, 2023 special meeting of the SRJB were discussed.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023 special meeting. Tom Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman presented the Budget Report and the Joint Board reviewed the Budget Report included in the August Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet and Budget Report.

Tom Klein moved to approve the Budget Report. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board reviewed the U.S. Department of the Interior's standard joint-funding agreement for the Dakota Water Science Center Water Resources Investigations project for the Souris River at the Broadway Bridge at Minot River gage (05117600). A copy was contained within the August Board Packet. The gage will be maintained by the USGS but payment is to come from local interests to cover the costs associated with the service. The annual cost of the gage to be paid by the SRJB is \$7,660. This funding arrangement was previously approved by the SRJB prior to the replacement of the gage during construction of the Broadway Bridge. Previously, the cost of this service was split 50/50 between the Souris River Joint Board and the Ward County Water Resource District.

Dan Steinberger moved to approve the funding agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the SRJB and direct the administrator to pursue a 50% cost share for this service from the Ward County Water Resource District. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

The Joint Board reviewed and approved bills set forth in the August Board Packet totaling \$353,336.05. Chairman Ashley opened it up for questions from the Board on each bill being considered for approval.

Tom Klein moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$353,336.05. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-1. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-4A and MI-4B. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet. Jerry Bents explained that Wagner Construction is proposing Change Order No. 3B for modifications to the contract documents resulting from the negotiations on the floodwall extension length. Negotiation of Change Order No. 3B has been ongoing since the development of Change Order No. 3A. Since that time, a unit price was negotiated, and the extension of the concrete floodwall was shortened from the original alignment in Change Order No. 3A to only build an adequate amount of floodwall to avoid future utility and roadway impacts on the future MREFPP Phase MI-5 floodwall extension project. Details of the proposed change order follow this page.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve Change Order No. 3B in an amount not to exceed \$957,013.10 and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

An update video was shown to the Joint Board and Jerry Bents explained the changes/updates for this phase of the project. Dan Steinberger asked whether there are considerations for future construction costs when things get wet again since this summer has been dry and costs are less. Jerry Bents indicated the short answer to that is no and explained.

Jerry Bents updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the August Board Packet.

Jason Westbrook of Barr Engineering updated the Joint Board on Phase MI-2C. A Project Status Report from is contained in the August Board Packet. The work is complete. Two things are awaited from Wagner – (1) a submittal of Wagner's post circuit TV televising running a camera through the pipes and (2) shrub planting. Once those items are complete, the project will close out.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet.

Jason Westbrook provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet. The work is complete. A deliverable is owed on the televising. The contractor issued a claim against the project. Recommendations will be forthcoming from legal counsel.

Jason Westbrook provided an update on Phase BU-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet. Substantial completion walkthrough for Phase D took place this afternoon. Phase C warranty period expires next month and this phase is expected to be in final completion in September. A celebration is planned in September.

Ryan Ackerman provided the SRJB with a Rural Program Update. Ryan Ackerman presented information on the demolition and site restoration and sought an award of bid. A bid opening was conducted on August 2, 2023 for the StARR demolition and site restoration project. One bid was received for each site. The bids were contained within the August Board Packet.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the bid for Site 1 and Site 2 of the StARR demolition and site restoration project by DL Barkie Construction in the amount of \$104,700 and authorize the Chairman to sign the notice of award, construction contract, and notice to proceed on behalf of the SRJB. Dan Steinberger seconded. A roll call vote was cast. Tom Klein abstained. The motion carried.


Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. A Project Status Report is contained in the August Board Packet.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the April Board Packet. The next regular meeting of the Joint Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium. A ribbon cutting for Phase BU-1 will be held on September 19, 2023.

The Joint Board acknowledged the retirement of Joint Board member Dan Jonasson. Chairman Ashley presented an award for dedicated service to Dan Jonasson. Dan Jonasson expressed his honor to have been a part of the Joint Board.

Dan Jonasson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion.

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



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