Minutes of Meeting Souris River Joint Water Resource Board Thursday, January 6, 2022

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, January 6, 2022, in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium in Minot, North Dakota. Joint Board members in attendance were Dan Jonasson and Dan Steinberger. A roster of those attending is attached as **Attachment A**. 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. Chairman Ashley added Item 9 regarding the Anne Street Bridge update. Ryan Ackerman added the BNSF Construction Maintenance Agreement (under Phase MI-5 Update) and removed the Phase MI-2/3 update.

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

The draft minutes from the December 9, 2021 regular meeting were discussed.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2021 Joint Board meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the Budget Report included in the January Board Packet. Ryan Ackerman explained the Balance Sheet and Budget Report.

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

The Joint Board discussed the bills set forth in the January Board Packet totaling \$1,517,422.77 and opened it up for questions for the Board. Dan Steinberger posed a question on the Housing Engineering invoice (Page 169 of the Board Packet) regarding services being provided by Sandman Structural Engineers. Jerry Bents advised that Sandman provided structural engineering used for storage building relocation. Dan Steinberger questioned crop damages. Ryan Ackerman explained the basis for the charge.

Dan Steinberger moved to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,517,422.77. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents from Houston Engineering provided the Joint Board with an update on Phase MI-1. Contractors are currently dealing with punch list items. Jerry Bents provided an explanation on accruing of liquidated damages. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet.

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

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-5. Advertising for bids for Phase MI-5A is approaching. The target is to award the contract at the March meeting. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet. Jerry Bents discussed the BNSF Construction Maintenance Agreement.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the BNSF Construction Maintenance Agreement. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Jerry Bents updated on Phase MI-6. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet. Regarding Anne Street Bridge, Chairman Ashley advised that the Minot City Council passed a motion on Monday but it was very broad.

Dan Jonasson moved to approve the Chairman keeping close tabs on this and advising the Joint Board of any important developments. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. There was discussion on moving forward per City of Minot direction with questions regarding design. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase MI-7. Options for the Magic City Express railroad through the park is being discussed. Also working through concerns related to access control for Roosevelt Park Zoo. A Project Status Report is contained in the January Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman provided an update to the Joint Board regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report is contained in the January Board Packet.

Dan Jonasson moved to accept low bid received from Wagner Construction on Phase WC-1B for \$3,883,810.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign any required contract documents on behalf of the Board. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ryan Ackerman provided an update on Phase BU-1. The construction phases that are underway are under winter suspension. We are in the process of working through final details of the last remaining acquisition. Intend to seek Board approval to bid last phase in Burlington in February. Within 18 months, it is anticipated the flood control in Burlington will be finished. A Project Status Report is contained in the January Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman advised the Joint Board that an update regarding the StARR Program is contained in the January Board Packet. The process of closing the program out is underway. There has been discussion with a participant whose property was acquired and is being leased back regarding buying back property. The Board agreed to invite that individual to a future meeting to discuss any possibility of changing from the current plans.

Troy Borchard from HDR Engineering provided an update regarding Rural Bridges. On the Mouse River Park structure, all appropriate hydrologic documents were signed and sent off to the Office of the State Engineer for review on the zero rise and flood plain development permit. Still working through environmental issues on that. On the Sawyer bridge, comments were received back from the county on review plans that will be addressed, after which permission to put it out to bid will be requested. On the Velva site, the DOT approved the design and phasing plan for the bridge to be built one half at a time, so structural design will move forward on that project. A Project Status Report from HDR Engineering is contained in the January Board Packet.

The Joint Board took note of future meetings and events as set forth in the January Board Packet.

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

The next regular meeting of the SRJB is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Minot Auditorium.

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