Minutes of Meeting Souris River Joint Water Resource Board Thursday, February 4, 2021

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, February 4, 2021, by way of a Microsoft Teams video conference call. The speakerphone was available in the Broadway Conference Room at Ackerman-Estvold located at 1907 17th Street SE, Minot, North Dakota, and call-in information was provided on the public notice for the meeting. Joint Board members attending the meeting were Chairman David Ashley, Dan Steinberger, Tom Klein, Clif Issendorf and Dan Jonasson. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

The draft minutes from the January 7, 2021, meeting were discussed. An amendment was made to correct the name of a director.

Dan Jonasson made a motion to approve the Minutes, as amended, from the January 7, 2021, Joint Board meeting. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

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

Clif Issendorf moved to approve the Budget Report included in the February Board Packet. Dan Jonasson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

The Joint Board discussed the bills set forth in the February Board Packet. Dan Steinberger inquired about the format of the progress reports and if they could be sent out in a more legible format. Ryan Ackerman said he would remedy the situation and make the reports larger in the future. Dan Steinberger inquired about the ASME charge from Houston Engineering found on page 158 of the February Board Packet. Jerry Bents indicated that the charge may have come from a colleague in Omaha. Dennis Reep indicated that he could get clarification on the charge. Ryan Ackerman offered brief explanations for the Ward County Real Estate Tax bill and the SERVPRO bill found in the February Board Packet.

Clif Issendorf made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$720,002.57. Dan Jonasson 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; Phase MI-4A design work; and an update on Phase MI-5 design work. A Project Status Report from Houston Engineering is contained in the February Board Packet.

Jason Westbrock provided an update to the Joint Board regarding construction of Phase MI-2/3; an update regarding Phase BU-1; and an updated regarding Phase WC-1. A Project Status Report from Barr Engineering is contained in the February Board Packet.

Ryan Ackerman provided the Joint Board with an update regarding the StARR Program. A Status Report is contained in the February Board Packet.

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

The Joint Board took note of future meetings as set forth in the February Board Packet. Dave Ashley noted that legislature is in session.

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

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