

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board
Thursday, March 17, 2022**

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference. Joint Board members in attendance were Clif Issendorf, Dan Jonasson and Dan Steinberger. Chairman David Ashley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

Ryan Ackerman advised that authorization is being sought to award a bid for Phase MI-5A. A low bid has been received from Wagner Construction in the amount of \$54,149,125. The Board discussed not signing contract documents until after an environmental decision is issued by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC).

Dan Jonasson made a motion to accept the low bid of Wagner Construction for Phase MI-5A in the amount of \$54,149,125 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract documents on behalf of the SRJB once the environmental decision document is issued by the OLDCC; and if the receipt of the OLDCC environmental decision document is not imminent by April 29, 2022, convene a special meeting of the SRJB on or before April 29, 2022, for purpose of considering other options. Dan Steinberger seconded the motion. Ryan Ackerman indicated that the OLDCC (the federal agency that is administering this approximately \$10 million dollar grant) fully expects to have their environmental work done prior to April 29, 2022. Dan Jonasson added that we could hold but regardless whether the OLDCC funding comes through, the SRJB still has state funding that was allocated to this so at the future the Joint Board may need to consider awarding and taking the chance at losing the OLDCC money. Clif Issendorf questioned whether there would be a cost share with the state in order to come through with the project if the OLDCC money is lost. Chairman Ashley indicated that would most likely be the case at that point. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.

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



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