

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Souris River Joint Water Resource Board  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

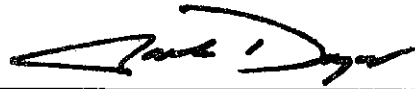
A special meeting of the board of directors of the Souris River Joint Water Resource District was called to order by Chairman David Ashley at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15 2024, after announcing that a quorum was present. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference. The following Joint Board members were in attendance: Tom Klein, Dan Steinberger and Jason Sorenson.

The agenda for the meeting included a recommendation with respect to Phase MI-7E bids.

Ryan Ackerman advised that a bid opening was conducted on May 10, 2024, for Phase MI-7E (Roosevelt Park and Zoo). There were three potential contracts – one primarily levee, one primarily floodwall, and one a combination of levee and floodwall. One bid was received, submitted by Wagner Construction in the amount of \$16,856,193.90 (for Contract 1); \$32,521,154.50 (for Contract 2); and \$45,759,332.50 (for Contract 3). These were all well above the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC), by 63% on Contract 1, 65% on Contract 2 and 52% on Contract 3. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC) for Contract 1 was \$10,319,127.00. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC) for Contract 2 was \$19,768,587.50. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC) for Contract 3 was \$30,067,714.50. Ryan Ackerman indicated that the intent is to strategize getting the project out for bid again in smaller, more manageable packages that could be executed by multiple contractors if timeframes are modified.

**Jason Sorenson made a motion to reject all bids. Tom Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was cast. The motion passed without opposition.**

Chairman Ashley declared the meeting adjourned.



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