

Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource  
Board Special Meeting  
Video Conference  
Originating at the Sargent County Courthouse  
Forman, North Dakota  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

In attendance at the Sargent County Courthouse, Forman, ND, on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. was Chairman Steve Hansen and John Quandt of the Dickey County Water Resource Board. Sargent County Water Resource board members in attendance were Roger Zetocha, Todd Stein, Bruce Speich and Michael Wyum. Also present at the courthouse were Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer, Nathan Trosen of Moore Engineering, Sargent County Commissioners Scott Johnson and Mark Breker, Sargent County Road Supervisor Tim Faber. Others present via video conferencing were: Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, the board's attorney, Josh Hassell of Moore Engineering, landowners Bob Banderet, Leon Mallberg and Tony Mallberg.

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Steve Hansen called the meeting to order.

**BILLS:**

The following bills were presented for approval and payment:

1. Bills:

<b>DVEC – electricity –</b>	<b>\$ 935.00</b>
<b>Moore Engineering- assessment</b>	<b>\$ 297.50</b>
<b>Ohnstad Twichell-bond issue</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>

A motion was made by Manager Speich and seconded by Manager Zetocha to approve the bills. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Manager Quandt and seconded by Manager Zetocha to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**JACKSON DRAIN MAINTENANCE:**

Manager Quandt said there have been no issues with the pump. However, about a month and a half ago the pumps were off and not sure why. Quandt got it turned back on. Quandt added that the water level is within 6 inches of being able to shut the pump off for the season, but for now it is still running.

**SPRAYING:** Chairman Hansen said that he was not happy with the results from the spraying

done along the drain. He believes the spray drifted. It was mentioned to maybe look at a drone option next year.

**Subsurface Water Management Permit No. 2023-18 for Mike Quandt and Ron Hankel in the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 in Riverdale Township**

Applicants Mike Quandt and Ron Hankel submitted *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System No. 2023-18* to the Dickey County Water Resource District on October 11, 2023. The Application was for a 140-acre drain tile system in the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 in Riverdale Township, Dickey County, North Dakota. The project will include a pump outlet and the tile discharge will flow north, through a private drain, across Sections 15 and 11 and ultimately into the Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 Project, a legal assessment drain owned and operated by the Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District.

The Dickey County Water Resource District approved *Subsurface Water Management Permit No. 2023-18* at the Dickey County WRD's meeting on October 18. In light of the benefits the property will now receive from the Jackson project, the Dickey County WRD included the following condition to *Subsurface Water Management Permit No. 2023-18*:

The Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District will include the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 in Riverdale Township in the Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 assessment district at 25% benefit.

The Joint Board will have to take action to include the property in Jackson project assessment list.

Before proceeding with any substantive discussions or motions, Manager Quandt noted he likely has a conflict in the matter since one of the Applicants, Mike Quandt, is Manager Quandt's brother. Mr. Fredricks noted Manager Quandt clearly has a "direct and substantial personal interest" in the matter under N.D. Cent. Code § 44-04-22 and recommended that the Joint Board preclude Manager Quandt from participating in any votes on the matter.

Manager Stein moved to conclude that Manager Quandt has a conflict in the matter and that Manager Quandt should not participate in any votes on the matter. Manager Speich seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, Chairman Hansen and Managers Stein, Zetocha, and Wyum all voted in favor of the motion. Manager Quandt abstained. The motion passed.

With the conflict issue concluded, the Joint Board proceeded with discussion regarding the application.

The Joint Board discussed other properties in the in the vicinity and their benefit percentages. The Joint Board felt comfortable with the Dickey County WRD's recommendation of including the property at 25%.

Manager Zetocha moved include the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 and 60 acres in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 in Riverdale Township in the Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 assessment district at 25% benefit. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, Chairman Hansen and Managers Stein, Zetocha, and Wyum all voted in favor of the motion. Manager Quandt abstained. The motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Account balances as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Fund	\$ 176,050.00
DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Maintenance Fund	\$ 25,053.44

Next meeting will be in January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Steven Hansen-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer