

Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource  
Board Special Meeting  
Video Conference  
Originating at the Sargent County Courthouse  
Forman, North Dakota  
April 18th, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

In attendance at the Sargent County Courthouse, Forman, ND, on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. was Chairman Steve Hansen, Vice-Chairman John Quandt and Justin Gemar of the Dickey County Water Resource Board. Sargent County Water Resource board members in attendance were Lucas Siemieniewski, Roger Zetocha, Todd Stein and Michael Wyum. Also present at the courthouse were Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer, Nathan Trosen of Moore Engineering, Representative Mike Brandenburg, Richard Ruch, Tanner Martinson and Sargent County Commissioner Wade Anderson. Others present via video conferencing were: Sean Fredricks, the board’s attorney, Chris McShane and Stephen Hilfer of Ohnstad Twichell, Josh Hassell of Moore Engineering, Kathleen Duttonhefner (Head of the Mountain), RCWRD Arv Burvee, and landowners Paul Mathews and Leon 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>\$ 376.00</b>
<b>Moore Engineering</b>	
Looked up pump schematics & record drawings	<b>\$ 51.25</b>

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Manager Zetocha and seconded by Manager Gemar to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**JACKSON DRAIN MAINTENANCE:**

Manager Quandt said he started the pumps in March, one at a time. The pumps are running under 1303 now and will shut off at 1302. Quandt said the pumps froze up about 3 weeks ago and something locked up inside one of them. Sweeney Controls came out to look at the pumps and it was found the float wasn’t working and there were some shorted-out wires. Sweeney tuned the electrical box and got the pumps working again.

Quandt said this summer we should shut the valve down and suck the pit out. That will allow someone to reach into the pump to see what is locked up. If the blockage cannot be reached, we

will need to pull the pump and casing. If the pump needs to be pulled, it was suggested to look at other pump formats when putting it back together that would make it easier to work on, if the pump ever needs to be fixed again.

**John Quandt Utility Permit:** Quandt filed for a utility permit to set a pump on the bank and suck water out of the Jackson Drain ditch to irrigate a portion of the N/2 of 3-130-59 that he farms and that is owned by Shirley Huebner and her family in trust. Quandt will utilize the utilities solely for the purposes of diverting and appropriating surface water from the drain.

A motion was made by Manager Siemieniewski and seconded by Manager Stein to approve the utility permit with the conditions prepared by Sean Fredricks and Nathan Trosen. Upon roll call the motion carried, with John Quandt abstaining.

Chairman Hansen asked said that the Joint Board will discuss the bond after hearing from counsel.

Manager Stein said that a resident had asked him about fishing along the Jackson Drain. Attorney Fredricks indicated the Board has both easement and fee simple right of way along the drain and that anyone seeking to fish the Drain would likely have to obtain permission from the underlying and adjacent landowners.

#### **APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6316 for Brian Vculek in the Section 20 of Verner Township**

The Sargent County Water Resource District will consider Brian Vculek's surface drain application. Sean Fredricks explained that, under APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6316, Mr. Vculek is simply seeking an amendment to SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556, approved by the Sargent County Water Resource District on September 16, 2021. Mr. Vculek plans to extend and improve a number of ditch improvements in the North Half and the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 in Verner Township, Sargent County, North Dakota. With the drain improvements, Mr. Vculek intends to completely drain a series of sloughs. The project will ultimately discharge into the "North Lateral" of the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT, a lateral project permitted under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 4030. Because the Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District owns and operates the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT, the Sargent County Water Resource District will likely require Mr. Vculek to obtain permission from the Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District to discharge into the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT, via the drain constructed under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 4030.

Manager Quandt moved to consent to Brian Vculek's proposed discharge into the North Lateral of the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT as proposed under APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6316. Manager Siemieniewski seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Account balances as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Fund	\$ 273,154.14
DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Maintenance Fund	\$ 42,236.00

Next meeting will be in July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Steven Hansen-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer