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Richland-Sargent (RS1) Joint Water  
Resource Board Special Meeting  
Originating at the Sargent County Courthouse  
Forman, North Dakota  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

In attendance: Chairman Bruce Speich, Managers Todd Stein, Luke Siemieniewski, Michael Wyum, Roger Zetocha; Managers Arv Burvee and Clint Arndt were present via Teams. Also in attendance were Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer; Nathan Trosen and Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering; Richard Ruch; and Scott and Paul Mund. Present via video conference were Attorneys Sean Fredricks and Stephen Hilfer of Ohnstad Twichell; Sargent County Commissioner Scott Johnson and Leon Mallberg.

At 9:09 Chairman Bruce Speich called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Manager Wyum, and seconded by Manager Stein, to approve the 4/18/24 meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Bruce Speich and Managers Luke Siemieniewski, Arv Burvee, and Clint Arndt all voted in favor. Manager Zetocha voted no. The motion carried.

**BILLS:**

The following bills were presented for approval and payment:

<b><u>Ohnstad Twichell</u></b> -info mtg./emails/correspondence	<b>\$1,313.51</b>
<b><u>Moore Engineering-</u></b>	<b>\$5,146.22</b>
▪ Preparation & attendance of RS-1 informational landowner meeting in Cayuga. Follow up emails/phone calls with landowners & managers. Created map for petition.	
<b><u>Cayuga Community Club</u></b> -hall rental/public info. mtg.	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b><u>Larson Helicopter</u></b> -spraying	<b>\$2,827.95</b>

Discussion was had regarding the Larson Helicopter bill. Manager Siemieniewski noted Larson sprayed the drain the day after 4 inches of rain fell. It was requested to have Willprecht contact Larson and let them know that we would appreciate them respraying the area at no cost to the RS1 board.

A motion was made by Manager Siemieniewski and seconded by Manager Wyum to approve the bills. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Bruce Speich and Managers Luke Siemieniewski, Arv Burvee, and Clint Arndt all voted in favor. Manager Zetocha voted no. The motion carried.

**PROJECT UPDATE:**

Nathan Trosen of Moore Engineering reported that the public informational meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> went well. The majority of those in attendance wanted to see this project move forward. Manager Arndt said it would be ideal for the drain to extend to SD. Manager Siemieniewski said that if the Board does not construct this project in phases, to save on expense for landowners, landowners may not support the project. Manager Arndt agreed and suggested identifying this project along with a future project on any petition document, so landowners can see the long-term plan. Manager Siemieniewski asked Trosen of Moore Engineering if we could modify the current RS1 map to include future phase as Manager Arndt

described. Trosen said he would revise the map to include a future extension project. Trosen and Fredricks will also add verbiage to the petition relating the future extension.

A motion was made by Manager Zetocha, and seconded by Manager Stein, to direct Trosen to prepare an updated map and to direct Trosen and Attorney Fredricks to update the petition, and to authorize Managers Arndt and Siemieniewski to circulate the updated petition. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

The joint board decided to meet again when the petition circulation is complete.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

There are no financials available at this time.

Account balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024: \$

APPROVED:

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Bruce Speich- Chairman

ATTEST:

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Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.