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**SARGENT COUNTY WATER
RESOURCE DISTRICT**

**Special Meeting
Public Informational Meeting
Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
August 15th, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.**

The Sargent County Water Resource District conducted a public informational meeting at the Sargent County Courthouse, Forman, North Dakota. The Board also allowed members of the public to attend the meeting via Teams. In attendance at the meeting were Sargent County Water Resource District Board Members Luke Siemieniewski, Bruce Speich, Todd Stein, Roger Zetocha, and Michael Wyum; Wendy Willprecht, water board administrator; Nathan Trosen, the Board’s engineer from Moore Engineering; Sean Fredricks, the Board’s attorney (Teams). With regard to members of the public in attendance, see the attached list of attendees.

Nathan Trosen opened the meeting on the Board’s behalf and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential options to pursue an improvement project or cleanout of the natural channel downstream of Sargent County Drain No. 7. Trosen presented maps of the area as well as results from the previously completed culvert analysis.

After an open discussion by show of hands, a majority of landowners supported creating a “maintenance district” to allow the Board to conduct cleanout operations (including sediment and cattail removal) along approximately 8 miles of the natural channel between the Drain 7 outlet and the Wild Rice River.

The Board, Trosen, and Fredricks discussed financing options for proposed maintenance district. which would require a landowner vote. The Board directed Trosen & Fredricks to prepare a petition for the proposed maintenance district.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

APPROVED:

Luke Siemieniewski, Chair

ATTEST:

Wendy Willprecht
Secretary-Treasurer