

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE WATER BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN NORTH DAKOTA

In attendance: Chairman Luke Siemieniewski, Managers Michael Wyum, Bruce Speich, Todd Stein and Roger Zetocha. Also in attendance was Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer, Nathan Trosen, engineer for Moore Engineering, landowners Jerry Meide and Miles Thompson. Present via video conference were Attorneys Sean Fredricks, Stephen Hilfer of Ohnstad Twichell, Sargent County Commissioner Chairman Scott Johnson, HM (“unverified” on Teams), Bob Banderet, and Leon Mallberg.

Manager Wyum moved to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 public information meeting minutes, the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Water Topics meeting minutes, the July 2024 financial statement and the August 2024 financial statement. Manager Zetocha seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Speich moved to approve the bills.

**Ohnstad Twichell**- Mtgs./review docs/emails/Hoistad request \$1,754.19;Widmer/Zetocha \$365.43;T. Martinson App. \$75;G. Quandt App. \$689.22;Vculek App. \$1,031.70;P. Wyum App. \$634.59;M. Wyum App. \$477.74;Drain No. 11-Eminent Domain \$195.00;Drain No. 7-Outlet proj. \$1,669.84;Drain No. 9 Ext.-Review petition/notes from public info. mtg. \$470.00  
**Total: \$7,362.71**

**Moore Engineering**-Mtgs./Hall Twp./Public Mtg. \$3616.14;6361 permit \$307.50;SFC-NRCS Step 7 \$1,197.50;Drain No. 2-Drain Tour \$233.29;Drain No. 8-Drain Tour \$350.00;Drain No. 11-Drain Tour \$350.00/Open Records Request/Water Topics Overview \$4222.39;Drain No. 7-Drain Tour \$676.41;Drain No. 9 Ext.-Studies/Assessments/Field Survey \$5606.11;Wild Rice Feas. Study-Studies/Reports/Assessments \$1040.00  
**Total: \$17,599.34**

**The Sargent County Teller**-Public Information Mtg. Ad **Total: \$39.64**

**Glen and Mavis Thompson**-Easements/Warranty Deed **Total: \$17,737.50**

**Red River Basin Commission**-Membership **Total: \$1,735.50**

**Starion Bond**-Bond interest payments: Drain No. 7- \$14,765.00; Drain No. 11-\$27,513.75;Drain No. 12- \$2,105.00  
**Total: \$44,383.75**

**Helwig Excavating, Inc.**- Clean ditch/level spoils **Total: \$16,950.00**

**Sargent County Treasurer**-Drain 4-Forman City \$710.46; Drain No. 8-Rutland Twp. \$0.33;Drain No. 7-Hall Twp. \$60.28/ Milnor Twp. \$7.39/Milnor Twp. \$12.79  
**Total: \$791.25**

**Aaron Lyon**-Crop damage along Drain No. 2 **Total: \$1,000.00**

**Warren Lyon**-Crop damage along Drain No. 2 **Total: \$1,000.00**

Manager Wyum seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

	Lucas Siemieniewski	Travel	\$ 43.55
	Todd Stein	Travel	\$ 231.82
	Michael Wyum	Travel	\$ 13.40
	Roger Zetocha	Travel	\$ 167.50
	Bruce Speich	Travel	\$ 127.30
DD	Lucas Siemieniewski	PD	\$ 567.95
DD	Todd Stein	PD	\$ 757.27
DD	Michael Wyum	PD	\$ 567.95
DD	Roger Zetocha	PD	\$ 378.63
DD	Bruce Speich	PD	\$ 378.63
DD	Wendy Willprecht	Sec-Treas -Salary less taxes	

**Drain No. 11:**

**Project:** No update.

**Glen Thompson Utility Permit:** The utility permit is signed.

**Cost-share reimbursement request to the Sargent County Commission:** There has been no update on this matter.

**Jerry Meide & Miles Thompson South Lateral:** Meide and Thompson came in to further discuss a potential project to a portion of the south lateral.

Meide claims the Drain 11 channel is not where it is supposed to be on his property; he claims the footprint of the ditch is wider than the Board's easement; and he says his land was never meant to be a holding pond. Meide added that if the waterboard does not alter the Drain, Meide will file a lawsuit.

Earlier this year the Board authorized Moore to look into the historical documents to see if there is any information on the exact location of the 50' easement. Trosen said that Moore's registered land surveyor was not able to find any documentation that showed the ditch in question should be anywhere other than where it is. Trosen also mentioned that the water on Mr. Meide's property could be from Meszaros Slough backing up. He also stated that improving the outlet channel through the slough would more than likely improve the flooding on Mr. Meide's property.

Manager Speich indicated the board needs to know exactly what he and Thompson are asking of the board. Speich told Meide to come up with a plan and to bring it back to the board to consider.

Attorney Fredricks noted there is no evidence the channel does not match the existing ROW.

The board will hold an executive session with Fredricks at the October meeting to further discuss this matter; the Board must have an executive session on its agenda so the Board could not legally conduct an executive session today.

**Drain No. 4:** No report.

**Drain No. 7:** There is no project update.

**404 Permit:** No update. This item will be removed from future agendas.

**Hall Township (Maintenance District Petition)-** No update.

**Drain No. 9 Extension:**

Trosen from Moore Engineering said the survey is done. It is anticipated that existing condition drawings will be drawn up by the next SCWRD meeting. Additionally, Moore will work on the hydraulic model.

**Wild Rice Maintenance District:**

Trosen from Moore Engineering said the survey is done. It is anticipated that existing condition drawings will be ready by the next SCWRD meeting.

**Tewaukon Watershed**

Trosen said that there are several drainage channels within the maintenance district. The board asked Trosen if there would be a way to label these laterals for future reference should projects arise. Trosen said that there might be an old map from the 1950's that he could start with.

**Drain No. 8:** Trosen said there is no update on this project.

**Cogswell Tile:** Trosen said there is no update on this project.

**Drain No. 2:** No update.

**Drain No. 12:** No update.

**Short Foot Creek:** Trosen said the cost-share agreement with the State Water Commission requires project updates every 4 years. The last update that we provided to the SWC for this project was in 2020. At that time, our agreement was extended 4 additional years. Josh Hassell of Moore Engineering recently updated the SWC with this project's progress and the SWC recommended a 1-year extension. Trosen feels confident this project will be completed within the year. The only reason it might not would be due to delays from the NRSCS. If we need to file an additional 1-year extension at that time, we can do that.

**City of Stirum:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System No. 2024-24 for Tyler Speich in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 in Hall Township**

The Board next reviewed *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System No. 2024-24*, filed September 10, 2024, by Applicant Tyler Speich. The Board approved SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT NO. 2023-12 for Tyler Speich at the Board's meeting on September 21, 2023; under PERMIT NO. 2023-12, the Board approved Applicant's 140-acre system in the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 in Hall Township. Under *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System No. 2024-24*, Applicant seeks to add an additional 69 acres of drain tile in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 in Hall Township to Applicant's existing 140-acre drain tile system approved under PERMIT NO. 2023-12. SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT NO. 2024-24 will amend and replace PERMIT NO. 2023-12.

Under *Application No. 2024-24*, Applicant seeks to install a 209-acre drain tile system in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 in Hall Township, Sargent County, North Dakota. Applicant plans to bore under Highway 13 to connect the system in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 to the project outlet in the Northeast Quarter of Section 17. The project will include a single pump outlet located along the north boundary of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; the pump will discharge into the south road ditch along North Dakota Highway 13; the discharge will then flow east in the south road ditch, along the north boundary of the farmstead in the northeast corner of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; the discharge will continue east under 146th Avenue SE through an existing culvert and will continue in the south road ditch along Highway 13, along the north boundary of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16; the discharge may continue east along the north boundary of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16. Alternatively, after flowing a short distance along the north boundary of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, a portion or all of the discharge may turn north, under Highway 13, into the north road ditch along Highway 13, along the south boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9 and continue east in the north road ditch along Highway 13, along the south boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation previously approved a UTILITY OCCUPANCY PERMIT to allow Applicant to bore under Highway 13. In addition, NDDOT previously approved a REQUEST FOR DRAINAGE ON HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY to allow Applicant to discharge into NDDOT's right of way.

According to County tax roll information, with regard to the property where Applicant intends to install the tile system, Craig and Wanda Speich own the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; Cheryl and Kim Foell, Melissa Halsa, Heather Long, Justin Foell, Peyton Harbaugh, and Madelyn Harbaugh all own interests in the South 66.21 acres of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8; and Brent Halmrast owns the north 73.33 acres of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8. With regard to downstream properties, Tyler and Betsy Speich own the farmstead in the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; Albert R. Johnson and Frances Sundstrom, Trustees of the Albert R. and Frances Johnson Trust, own the Northwest Quarter of Section 16; Paula Nygaard owns the Northeast Quarter of Section 16; Tyler and Kyle Speich own the West Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, subject to a life estate in Bruce and Dayna Speich; Tyler and Betsy Speich own the West Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9; and Kyle Speich owns the East Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9. NDDOT owns its highway right of way.

Before discussing the merits of the application, the Board conducted a conflict analysis regarding Manager Speich's conflict in the matter. The Applicant is Manager Speich's son; in addition, Manager Speich owns property downstream of Applicant's project. Mr. Fredricks explained the law in North Dakota regarding conflicts, Section 44-04-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, provides the relevant standard. That statute provides:

A person acting in a legislative or quasi-legislative or judicial or quasi-judicial capacity for a political subdivision of the state who has a direct and substantial personal or pecuniary interest in a matter before that board, council, commission, or other body, must disclose the fact to the body of which that person is a member, and may not participate in or vote on that particular matter without the consent of a majority of the rest of the body.

In this case, because Applicant is Manager Speich's son and because Manager Speich owns property that could be impacted by this project, Manager Speich has a direct and substantial personal interest in the matter that creates a clear conflict. Manager Stein moved to conclude that Manager Speich has a conflict and should not participate in any votes regarding Tyler Speich's tile application. Manager Wyum seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Siemieniowski and Managers Stein, Zetocha, and Wyum voted in favor of the motion. Manager Speich abstained. The motion passed.

There is an additional conflict statute specific to water resource districts, Section 61-16-08.1 of the Century Code, that provides the County Commission with discretionary authority to appoint alternate water managers if a full-time member has a conflict. However, that statute was effectively superseded by Section 44-04-22 when the Legislature adopted Section 44-04-22 in 1995 (Section 61-16-08.1 went into effect in 1985). Section 61-16-08.1 does not provide a definition for what qualifies as a "conflict of interest" and does not provide a mandatory process; rather, the legislative history of Section 61-16-08.1 indicates the Legislature approved that statute to provide a process for water managers to avoid situations where they are not comfortable voting on a matter and is not a mandatory process. Conversely, the process under Section 44-04-22 is mandatory for conflict situations, provides a detailed test for determining if a conflict exists, and provides a detailed process for a Board to proceed even if a conflict does exist. The Legislature enacted Section 44-04-22 after passing the vague and optional Section 61-16-08.1 and, therefore, the process under Section 44-04-22 controls all conflict matters.

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

Manager Zetocha moved, and Manager Wyum seconded the motion, to approve *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System No. 2024-24*, filed September 10, 2024, for Tyler Speich in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 in Hall Township, and to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign Subsurface Water Management Permit No. 2024-24, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant will re-establish any areas disturbed installing or maintaining Applicant's tile system.
2. Applicant will install and maintain erosion protection at any and all outlets into NDDOT's Highway 13 right of way.
3. Applicant will turn off any pump outlets and otherwise close all outlets during "critical flood periods," as determined by the Sargent County Water Resource District.
4. Applicant must remove silt or vegetation, or repair erosion or scour damages **directly** caused by Applicant's tile system, but only up to one mile downstream of Applicant's project outlet.
5. Applicant will not install Applicant's tile system within 20 feet, on either side, of any rural water lines Southeast Water Users District has in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 in Hall Township under any blanket easements, or otherwise beyond the Water District's existing easement.
6. Applicant must apply for an amendment to Subsurface Water Management Permit No. 2024-24 in advance of any proposed alterations to outlet locations, the addition of any outlets, or improvements or modifications to the tile system that could increase the capacity or drainage area of the tile system.

Upon roll call vote, Chairman Siemieniewski and Managers Stein, Zetocha, and Wyum voted in favor of the motion. Manager Speich abstained. The motion carried.

With regard to condition #4, Applicant's obligations to remove silt or vegetation, or to repair erosion or scour damages, will only arise upon submission of substantial evidence to the Board by a downstream landowner or road authority that Applicant's tile system **directly** caused accumulation of silt or vegetation, erosion, or scouring.

Under Section 61-32-03.1, the Board cannot attach any additional conditions to Applicant's permit. However, for Applicant's protection, and to ensure protection of Applicant's tile system, the Board recommends that Applicant comply with the following:

1. The Board recommends that Applicant obtain written consent from the owners of any property not owned by Applicant where Applicant intends to install tile project components.
2. The Board recommends that Applicant obtain all other necessary and requisite licenses, permits, registrations, and/or approvals from all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal governments, and any other applicable governmental entities.

Sean Fredricks will provide copies of the Board's NOTICE OF DECISION, SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT NO. 2024-24, and Applicant's downstream flow map to the Department of Water Resources, the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Hall Township, downstream landowners, and Southeast Water Users District.

#### **Silver Lake Dam:**

The waterboard received an email from Nicholas Bendickson, Dam Safety Engineer of the ND Water Resource Department regarding a visit the DWR made on 8/16/24 to the Silver Lake Dam. Bendickson said that the upstream slopes of the right and left embankments have considerable woody vegetation and erosion. The left embankment's downstream slope also had considerable woody vegetation and erosion. In one area of the left embankment, erosion has reduced the width of the crest to approximately 5 feet. Bendickson recommended that the noted issues get repaired.

Trosen said that the state has to do dam inspections every 5 years. He said that the woody vegetation and erosion on the side slopes is potentially happening due to the constant pooling on the lake. The SCWRD requested Moore Engineering to do their own inspection. Trosen suggested removing the vegetation in the area first to allow for a better inspection of the erosion issues. A drone inspection could also be helpful in identifying areas of concern.

Trosen will contact JBX to do the vegetation removal. A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Stein to allow Moore Engineering to hire JBX to remove the vegetation with the expense to not exceed \$5,000. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

The maintenance costs for this dam come out of the Tewaukon Watershed fund.

#### **Ransom County Assessments:**

Assessments into bordering counties was discussed at the Water Topics meeting on 9/12/24, all five District Managers were in attendance. Some Legislators suggested following the process described in SB No. 2372 however the bill does not contain language that includes drain reassessments in the process outlined in SB 2372. There was also interest in pursuing a remedy to this issue legislatively during the next session.

The Managers indicated there are definitely Legislators who would like to help the board with this issue. Attorney Fredricks previously indicated he will not represent either the Sargent County WRD or the Ransom County WRD in this matter since he represents Ransom on other matters (not related to Drain 11), Chairman Siemieniewski and Manager Stein reached out to a lawyer in Bismarck to assist the District. Trosen will put some information together for the attorney to help bring him up to speed as to what has transpired between the counties over the years.

Manager Wyum stated that the Sargent County Resource District has held conversations with Ransom County, and sent formal requests for reimbursement, but have been turned down each and every time. The Board would prefer to pursue an amicable solution to this issue, if possible.

Trosen said that he will provide administrator Willprecht the 2024 drain assessment information for Drains 7 & 11 to forward to Ransom County again this year. Additionally, Trosen will provide the Drain 11 Dickey County assessment information. A motion was made by Manager Stein and seconded by Manager Wyum to direct Willprecht to submit the drain assessment requests to both Dickey and Ransom Counties. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Darren Hoistad Clean Out County Rd. 5:** The inspection of the work completed at this site looks good Chairman Siemieniewski said, and Hoistad is said to feel the same.

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6361 for Brian Vculek in the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 of Verner Township**

The Board reviewed the RECORD OF DECISION issued by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) regarding APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6361 for Applicant Brian Vculek. Under APPLICATION NO. 6361, Applicant seeks to modify and improve drainage system approved and constructed under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556 and SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 6316 in Section 20 in Verner Township. Under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556 and SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 6316, Mr. Vculek constructed a number of ditch improvements in the North Half and the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 in Verner Township. Under APPLICATION NO. 6361, Applicant seeks to lower the west road ditch along Sargent County Road 2 approximately two feet along the east boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20. Applicant’s ditch improvements outlet into the “North Lateral” of the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT, a lateral project permitted under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 4030. Applicant intends to lower the inlet structure into the North Lateral by two feet. The permitted drain improvements under APPLICATION NO. 6361 will include 1,970 feet of channel improvements; a maximum bottom width of 12.5 feet; a maximum cut of 2 feet; and 4:1 side slopes. The Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District owns and operates the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT.

According to records on file with the Sargent County Recorder’s Office, Bernard L. Vculek, as Trustee of the Bernard L. Vculek Revocable Trust, and Marlene Vculek, as Trustee of the Marlene Vculek Revocable Trust, own the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 in Verner Township.

DWR’s RECORD OF DECISION indicates that, in accordance with N.D. Admin. Code §§ 89-02-01-08 and 89-02-01-09, DWR conducted a “statewide or interdistrict significance” review of the proposed ditch improvements and concluded the application does not propose drainage of “statewide or interdistrict significance.” In light of DWR’s finding, DWR forwarded APPLICATION NO. 6361 to the Board for processing in accordance with Section 89-02-01-09.1(2) of the North Dakota Administrative Code, via DWR’s RECORD OF DECISION.

Under Section 89-02-01-09.1(2), once the Board receives the RECORD OF DECISION, the Board’s first step is to determine if “public and private interests would be better served by a specific public meeting to consider the project.” In this case, the project seeks to expand on previously permitted drainage improvements; no parties objected to the project permitted under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556 or SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 6316. Further, the ditch improvements will discharge directly into the North Lateral of the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT, and the Board does not anticipate any downstream impacts as a result of the project. With that in mind, the Board concluded a formal hearing was not necessary.

Under Section 89-02-01-09.2 of the Administrative Code and Section 61-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Board must ultimately determine if the project will result in downstream impacts and, if so, the Board must require Applicant to obtain downstream flowage easements from impacted downstream parties as a condition to any approval of APPLICATION NO. 6361, under Section 61-32-03.

Nathan Trosen reviewed potential impacts as an aspect of his consideration of the eight elements under Section 89-02-01-09.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. In his responses to the eight elements under Section 89-02-01-09.2, Mr. Trosen noted the project area is already included in the Jackson Project watershed; that the North Lateral inlet structure and the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT were designed to handle the water volumes from the contributing watershed, including Section 20; and that downstream impacts will be minimal due to the size of the drainage area of the proposed project. Mr. Trosen ultimately concluded the project will not likely result in any adverse flooding or erosion conditions downstream. Again, no downstream parties have objected to the ditching constructed under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556 and SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 6316; therefore, the Board does not anticipate any objection downstream as a result of the ditch improvements proposed under APPLICATION NO. 6361. With this in mind, the Board concluded the project will not result in adverse impacts.

Manager Speich moved, and Manager Zetocha seconded the motion, to adopt Moore Engineering’s responses to the eight elements under Section 89-02-01-09.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code; to conclude the project will not result in adverse downstream impacts; and to approve APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6361 for Applicant Brian Vculek, subject to the conditions attached by the Department of Water Resources, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant will not construct or improve the drain in any manner that exceeds the dimensions indicated in the application.
2. Applicant will obtain written permission from the Sargent County Highway Department to construct, operate, and maintain any portions of the surface drain within the Highway Department’s County Road 2 right of way.
3. Applicant will operate the drain in accordance with the operating conditions applicable to the JACKSON TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROJECT and to the operating conditions applicable to the drain constructed under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 4030.
4. Applicant will 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.
5. Applicant will notify the Sargent County Water Resource District in advance of any proposed improvements to the drain, including any increase in the capacity or drainage area affected, and, if necessary, submit an additional permit application.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

In addition to those conditions, the Board will also recommend that Applicant obtain all other necessary and requisite licenses, permits, registrations, and/or approvals from all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal governments, and any other applicable governmental entities.

The Board directed Sean Fredricks to prepare the requisite NOTICE OF DECISION and to provide the NOTICE to all parties of record, as required by law.

**DICKEY-SARGENT JOINT BOARD**

**DSJTB bills for approval:**

<b>DVEC - electricity -</b>	<b>\$ 484.00</b>
<b>Ohnstad Twichell-Insurance/JPA</b>	<b>\$ 64.00</b>
<b>Starion Bond- Interest 2021 Bond</b>	<b>\$17,227.50</b>
<b>Dakota Helicopters, Inc.-spraying</b>	<b>\$ 247.63</b>

Manager Wyum made a motion to pay the Dickey-Sargent Joint Board bills. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**August 2024 balances:**

Maintenance Account Balance:	<b>\$ 36,737.40</b>
Improvement Account Balance:	<b>\$ 282,599.11</b>
Special Assessment-Drain No. 11	<b>\$</b>

The Dickey-Sargent Joint Board would like to be able to approve tile applications that cross county lines. The Department of Water Resources suggested talking to the Attorney General. Attorney Fredricks said that the Attorney General would approve this action, but it must be reflected in the joint powers agreement between Dickey and Sargent. Discussion of modifying the current joint power agreement will be discussed at the joint meeting in October.

The next Dickey-Sargent Joint Board meeting will be held in October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Richland-Sargent Drain #1  
Maintenance Fund Financial Statement**

<b><u>Ohnstad Twichell</u>-info mtg./emails/correspondence/Phase III</b>	<b>\$ 702.00</b>
<b><u>Moore Engineering</u>- Drain Tour</b>	<b>\$ 463.90</b>

Manager Speich made a motion to approve the bills. Manager Zetocha seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**The August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 financials:**

**\$384,540.53**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

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Lucas Siemieniewski, Chairman

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Wendy Willprecht, Secretary/Treasurer