

DICKEY-SARGENT JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District met on Thursday, July 17th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., in the water resource district board room at the Sargent County Courthouse in Forman, North Dakota. The following Joint Board voting members were present: Steve Hansen, John Quandt; Luke Siemieniowski, Roger Zetocha and Todd Stein. The following were also present: Michael Wyum, Bruce Speich, Sargent County Water Resource District Managers; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering; Sean Fredricks, Katie Schmidt, and Stephen Hilfer, Ohnstad Twichell, appeared virtually; Commissioner Lyle Bopp, Sargent County Road Supervisor Tim Faber, landowner Richard Ruch; and KLJ Contractors Joel Quanbeck, Megan Burns and landowner Leon Mallberg appeared virtually.

Minutes

Manager Zetocha moved to approve the May 15th, 2025, meeting minutes. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 Project

Manager Quandt reported that the pump was started up somewhere around June 15th-18th. The water level had climbed about a foot. The pump ran for a week and got caught up. Last weekend the pump ran for only 2 hours, so Quandt shut it off.

Spraying

Manager Quandt said Ross Hansen sprayed the south lateral and also east of the pump to the slough. He also sprayed Zimbleman's triangle and north of Zimblemans.

Lovell had some spraying done at the same time as the Jackson Drain. Quandt said that Lovell will pay the whole spray bill and will then itemize out the charges belonging to the Jackson Drain.

Quandt said that there are trees along the drain that need to be sprayed and it will more than likely take a hand-held sprayer. Quandt added that Teton/Cascade has been used in the main ditch to spray the ferns and green moss because the foliage was starting to affect the flow of the pump.

Bills

Manager Wyum moved to approve payment of the following bills:

DVEC – electricity –	\$ 239.00
Ohnstad Twichell-Joint Power Agreement	\$ 614.00

Manager Zetocha seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Joint Board Agreement

Last fall the Dickey-Sargent WRD asked the DWR and the Attorney General's Office if they would permit the district to consider and approve surface drain permits that discharge into or otherwise impact the Jackson or Lovell Drains. Under state law, the WRD with the majority of the land impacted by a surface drainage project must consider and approve a surface permit but the state considered Dickey-Sargent's request and indicated they would permit the change to allow Dickey-Sargent to consider and approve those permit applications as long as Dickey and Sargent modify the Dickey-Sargent joint board agreement to give Dickey-Sargent that specific authority. The board waited for the Legislative Session to conclude to see where we stand with joint WRDs; the Legislative Session is now a wrap.

All three WRDs (Sargent, Dickey, and Dickey-Sargent) have now approved the agreement and original signature pages will be sent to Ohnstad Twichell.

SB 2180 "Public Comment" Resolution

The Legislature approved SB 2180 this session, a bill that will require water resource districts (along with cities, counties, school districts, and park districts) to include a "public comment" period at each regular meeting. The bill allows WRDs to develop and implement a policy for this process, including rules for time limits on speakers, rules that require speakers to submit their personal information in advance of a meeting, rules that limit the topics to items on the current or immediately previous meeting agenda, etc. The statute will go into effect August 1.

Manager Wyum made a motion to approve the public comment resolution. Manager Siemieniewski seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

The Joint Board will meet next on September 18th, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

APPROVAL:

Steve Hansen, Chair

ATTEST:

Wendy Willprecht
Secretary-Treasurer