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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
8:30 a.m. – Monday, September 29th, 2025**

Sargent County Courthouse

In attendance: Vice-Chairman Michael Wyum, Managers Todd Stein, and Roger Zetocha and Administrator Wendy Schmiess. Attending virtually were: From Ohnstad Twichell, Attorneys Sean Fredricks, Katie Schmidt and Stephen Hilfer; Nathan Trosen, Engineer for Moore Engineering; and landowner Leon Mallberg.

1. Sargent County Water Resource District Budget 2026

The Board previously approved and submitted a 2026 general fund budget request to the Sargent County Commission. However, the Auditor's Office recently notified Administrator Schmiess that the Board's proposed general fund budget request exceeded the four-mill levy cap under North Dakota law for water resource districts' general fund budgets. With that in mind, the Board conducted this special meeting to consider a modification to the Board's 2026 general fund budget request to the County. Manager Zetocha moved to reduce the Board's 2026 general fund budget request to the County Commission to the four-mill maximum permissible by law. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Schmiess will send a letter to the Sargent County Auditor's office to reflect the Board's adjustment to the 2026 general fund budget request for the County Commission.

The meeting concluded at 8:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

Michael Wyum, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Wendy Schmiess
Secretary-Treasurer

