

Richland-Sargent Joint Water
Resource District Special Meeting
Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
April 16th, 2026 – 9:01 a.m.

In attendance: Chairman Bruce Speich, Managers Todd Stein, Michael Wyum, and Roger Zetocha. Also in attendance were Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering; landowner Richard Ruch. The following were also present virtually: Attorneys Sean Fredricks, Stephen Hilfer and Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell; Andrew Smith, Moore Engineering; Debra Gaukler; and landowner Leon Mallberg.

At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Bruce Speich called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IIG 2026 Construction Notification/Permit Extension:

Intermountain Infrastructure Group (IIG) was unable to complete all the permitted construction in 2025. Construction will commence once the weather allows in the spring of 2026. The permit expired in April of 2026. A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Stein to approve the permit extension through December 2026. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT/PETITION UPDATE:

The economic analysis of this project lowered the cost-share. The EA is now on hold for 2 years. Manager Siemieniewski will circulate the petition drafted by Attorney Fredricks. The original permit for this project is expired. Trosen commented that the engineering portion of this project is done.

Drain Clean Out:

The joint board approved JBX to do a clean out from the county road south of Geneseo, to the east. The drain starts in Section 11 and cleaning is needed for about a mile from the start of the drain. JBX was not able to do the clean out last fall, so will be doing it this spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Account balances as of February 28th, 2026: **\$570,136.46**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Bruce Speich- Chairman

Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer