

Richland-Sargent Joint Water
Resource District Special Meeting
Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
August 20th, 2026 – 9:01 a.m.

In attendance: Managers Todd Stein, Michael Wyum, Luke Siemieniewski and Roger Zetocha. Also in attendance were Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering; landowner Richard Ruch. The following were also present virtually: Chairman Bruce Speich, Manager Arv Burvee, Attorneys Sean Fredricks, and Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell; Andrew Smith, Moore Engineering; “LD”.

At 9:01 a.m. Manager Burvee called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Manager Siemieniewski and seconded by Manager Wyum to approve the April 16th, 2026 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DRAIN CLEAN OUT/ADD FIELD INLET CULVERTS

Manager Siemieniewski reported that the field inlet culverts along the lateral were installed by JBX this summer.

CULVERTS UNDER COUNTY ROAD 14

Manager Siemieniewski reported that the lateral would benefit from a cleanout. He received a bid from JBX of \$63,240 to lower two of the 48” culverts at County Road 14, cleanout 1 mile of the lateral in Section 1, and salvage & lower the two 48” culverts at 150th Ave SE. Manager Siemieniewski noted this estimate did not include material costs for new 48” culverts at County Road 14. Trosen estimated the culvert materials would cost approximately \$16,200, costs beyond those identified in JBX’s bid. Trosen detailed how both culvert crossings could be lowered by 0.3’ which would tie into the proposed grade of the phase III channel improvement project the Joint Board is pursuing downstream of the lateral. Trosen also reported that both crossings would meet ND Stream Crossing Standards if lowered 0.3’.

Fredricks informed the Board that, under 2023 legislation, any project to construct or reconstruct drain/road crossings requires the Board to conduct a formal solicitation process, to engage the road authorities prior to construction. The process would require the Board to consider and approve a Resolution to identify the potential improvements and to approve a hydraulic report for each crossing, and to send formal notification of the project to the road authorities. Manager Siemieniewski has been in contact with the County Highway Department and they have indicated support for the project. Manager Siemieniewski moved to direct Moore Engineering and Ohnstad Twichell to prepare the necessary road crossing documents. Manager Wyum seconded this motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be September 17th, 2026.

Manager Siemieniewski made a motion, seconded by Manager Wyum, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Account balances as of June 30th, 2026: **\$573,680.46**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

Bruce Speich- Chairman

ATTEST:

Wendy Schmiess Secretary-Treasurer