Richland-Sargent Joint Water
Resource District Special Meeting
Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
September 17th, 2026 – 9:00 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: Manager Arv Burvee, Attorneys Sean Fredricks, Stephen Hilfer and Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell; landowners Laurie Banderet and Leon Malberg.

At 9:00 a.m. Manager Burvee called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Siemieniewski to approve the August 20th, 2026 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Moore Engineering-Review culverts/crossings/estimate	$	1,345.25
Ohnstad Twichell-bd. mtg.	$	150.50

A motion was made by Manager Zetocha and seconded by Manager Wyum to pay the bills. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DRAIN CLEAN OUT/ADD FIELD INLET CULVERTS

Manager Siemieniewski said that he has been in touch with JBX, and the contractor was waiting to receive direction from the RS1 joint board before moving forward with the project.

CULVERTS UNDER COUNTY ROAD 14

Trosen of Moore Engineering presented the hydraulic analysis that was completed to analyze the proposed modifications to the County Road 14 (CR-14) & 150th Ave SE crossings along Richland-Sargent Drain No. 1. The modifications include lower two culverts at each crossing by approximately 0.3'. Trosen reported that the modifications to both crossings meet North Dakota Stream Crossing Standards.

JBX provided a labor quote for the proposed work for both crossings. The CR-14 modifications will require two new 48" CSP culverts 90' in length. The total cost for the labor and materials for the CR-14 modifications is estimated to be $44,565.80. It is anticipated that the existing culverts at the 150th Ave SE crossing can be salvaged. The total cost for modifications to the 150th Ave SE crossing is estimated to be $13,525.00.

Attorney 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, to approve a hydraulic report for the crossings, and to send formal notification of the project to the road authorities. Fredricks presented a RESOLUTION REGARDING DRAIN AND HIGHWAY STUDY for the Board's consideration, along with a draft solicitation letter to Sargent County, Richland County, Kingston Township, and Grant Township. The solicitation letter indicates the Board is not seeking any cost-share from any of the parties. The solicitation letter affords the road authorities 30 days to provide comment on the project and, in the event any of the road

authorities are opposed to the crossing improvements, the solicitation letter affords them the opportunity to request a hearing before the Board.

Manager Siemieniewski moved to approve the RESOLUTION REGARDING DRAIN AND HIGHWAY STUDY. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously. Secretary Schmiess will secure a signature from Chairman Speich on the Resolution and will serve the documents to the road authorities by mail early the week of September 21.

A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Stein to allow Trosen of Moore Engineering to order (2) 48" culverts from True North Steel with an expected cost of $15,790.80. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be November 19th, 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Account balances as of August 20th, 2026: $**573,705.26**

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Arv Burvee- Manager

ATTEST:

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Wendy Schmiess Secretary-Treasurer