

DICKEY-SARGENT JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District met on Thursday, March 20, 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, Justin Gemar, John Quandt; Luke Siemieniewski, Todd Stein, and Roger Zetocha. The following were also present: Michael Wyum, Sargent County Water Resource District Manager; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering; Sean Fredricks, Katie Schmidt, and Stephen Hilfer, Ohnstad Twichell, appeared virtually; Lyle Bopp, Sargent County Commissioner; Tim Faber, Sargent County Highway Superintendent; and Leon Mallberg appeared virtually.

Minutes

Manager Zetocha moved to approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 Project

Manager Quandt reported that the pumps have been off since November or December. He suggested leaving the pumps off until at least April 1. He plans to test the pumps before then.

Bills

Manager Siemieniewski moved to approve payment of the following bills:

DVEC (electricity):	\$	150.00
Starion Bond Services (bond payment):	\$	177,442.50

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

Chairman Hansen noted the Jackson drain fund has sufficient dollars to make additional payments and asked Katie Schmidt, bond counsel, if the Board has authority to do so. Katie indicated the bonds allow the partial early redemptions beginning in 2026. The redemption provisions require full maturities; in other words, beginning in 2026, the Joint Board could partially redeem but would have to prepay at least the full amount for a full year. At the very least, the Joint Board would have to prepay all amounts due in 2035; the Board cannot prepay only a portion of the amount due in 2035. The Board will consider options in early 2026.

Joint Board Agreement

The Joint Board previously directed Sean Fredricks to engage the Department of Water Resources to determine if DWR would allow the Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource District to consider and approve surface drainage permits for projects that are within the Jackson Township Improvement District No. 1 Project watershed. DWR indicated the state would allow the Board to consider and approve surface permits for projects within the Jackson watershed, but only if the Board adopts a new or amended joint board agreement that specifically grants the Joint Board that

authority. Ohnstad Twichell has prepared a draft joint board agreement for the Joint Board to review but the Joint Board agreed to postpone consideration and approval until the Legislative session concludes.

Next Meeting Date

The Joint Board will meet next on May 15, 2025. Chairman Hansen suggested the 2026 budget for the Project be reviewed at the next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

APPROVAL:

Steve Hansen, Chair

ATTEST:

Wendy Willprecht
Secretary-Treasurer