**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE**

**UPPER SHEYENNE RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

December 23rd, 2024

The Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board met on December 23rd, 2024, via Zoom.

“These are DRAFT minutes, subject to amendment before final approval by the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board.”

Managers Present:

Jerry Hieb, Barnes County WRD

Bill Deck, Pierce County WRD

Dennis Clark, Stutsman County WRD

Kevin Veitz-Sheridan County

Tor Bergstrom, Steele County WRD

Managers Absent:

Monty Schaefer, Eddy County WRD

Ben Varnson, Nelson County WRD

Julie Beckstrand, Benson County WRD

Griggs County WRD

Wells County, WRD

Others Known To Be Present:

Mandar Nangare, Barr Engineering

Peter Hinch, Barr Engineering

Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twitchell

Tasha Krueger, Secretary, Upper Sheyenne River Joint WRB

**CALL TO ORDER**: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order @ 9:31 A.M.

**ROLL CALL**: Roll call was taken with eight counties present-Jerry Heib- Barnes County, Bill Deck-Pierce County, Kevin Veitz-Sheridan County, Dennis Clark-Stutsman County, and Tor Bergstrom-Steele County. Not present: Monty Schaefer, Eddy County WRD, Ben Varnson, Nelson County WRD, Julie Beckstrand, Benson County WRD

Currently, we don’t have a representative from Griggs County or Wells County.

**Legal Representation:**

Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twitchell joined the meeting. Motion was made by Manager Heib to appoint Sean Fredricks as the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Boards legal representation, Seconded by Manager Clark, Roll Call Vote: Barnes County-Jerry Heib, Pierce County- Bill Deck, Sheridan County-Kevin Veitz, Stutsman County-Dennis Clark, Steele County- Tor Bergstrom, Motion Carried.

The hourly rate is $245.00 per hour.

**Bid Award**: The bid opening for project #10-Project #34321001.03 in Nelson County was completed on December 10th, 2024.

The estimated project cost was $ 246,000.00

Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. Otsego, MN $205,717.00

Civil Specialties, Inc. Hillsboro, ND $ 373,009.99

Scherbenske Inc. Jamestown, ND $ 488,577.50

The lowest bid was Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. Otsego, MN- $205,717.00.

The easement was signed by Doug Messner on December 18th, 2024. The 404-permit has been approved. The Sovereign Lands Permit hasn’t been approved yet. It was expected to be approved around the end of December.

Attorney Fredricks recommending awarding the bid contingent upon the approval of the Sovereign Lands Permit.

Motion was made by Manager Veitz to award the bid to MNL, Inc. in the amount of $205,717.00 contingent upon the approval of the Sovereigns Land Permit, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, Roll Call Vote: Barnes County-Jerry Heib, Pierce County- Bill Deck, Sheridan County-Kevin Veitz, Stutsman County-Dennis Clark, Steele County- Tor Bergstrom, Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A Motion to Adjourn was made by Manager Clark at 9:43 A.M. Seconded by Manager Veitz. Chair Deck adjourned the meeting.

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Bill Deck, Chair

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Tasha Krueger, Secretary