

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday June 14, 2022 at the district office located at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Bork, Haugen, Meyer and Gillespie. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis. Big Stone County Commissioner Wade Athey was also present. Members of the public in attendance: Ray Arens.

Holker called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

May 2022 Minutes and Disbursements along with April Disbursements were presented. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie to approve as submitted. Motion Carried: 5-0.

### COORESPONDENCE

Raymond Arens. Permit #24-22. This project proposes to add drain tile in the south half of section 6 in Toqua Township, the project would use an existing main tile, ultimately out letting into BV 12 to Fish Creek. The applicant received the first downstream landowner signature in Toqua 7 but has not been able to obtain a signature where the existing tile outlets in BV 12. A motion to approve the permit, as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie, noting that water flowing through this tile is part of the subwatershed and will be controlled by an 18-inch mail tile. Motion Carried: 5-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Browns Valley.  
Doschadis spoke to the lessee, and he will be taking care of tree removal in the diversion, as expected as part of his lease agreement for haying the diversion.
2. Beardsley Dry Lake.  
Doschadis reports that there is signs of Beaver in the lake and some build-up on the intake. Big Stone County assisted on connecting Cal Lillehaug for trapping services.
3. Big Stone Lake/ Minnesota River. Lake is at 968.30 as of Monday
4. Dam Operations.  
HEI Task Order- 2022- 002.  
Doschadis gave an update on Dam Maintenance Timeline for Fall 2022
5. Whetstone River Restoration.  
The project plans are still at the COE for their review and eventual issuance of a permit for the restoration work.  
Whetstone Water Quality Study Update was given by Doschadis.  
The initial study shows an estimated reduction in sediment entering the foot of Big Stone Lake by 2,500 tons per year and phosphorus by 65,000 pounds per year.  
Doschadis is working on an article for the newspaper to present these finding and how the project would have benefitted Big Stone Lake during and after the Memorial Day rain events.
6. One Watershed, One Plan. A Public Kick-Off is schedule for July 28<sup>th</sup> in Clinton.
7. Marsh Lake- Ribbon cutting is now scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrator's Report was given by Doschadis. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to approve as submitted. Motion Carried: 5-0.

MANAGER UPDATES- N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – July 12, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

UMRWD Regular Meeting – August 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

MAWD Summer Tour – August 23 – 25, 2022

Holker adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary