

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday September 13, 2022 at the district office located at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Haugen, Meyer, Bork and Gillespie. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis.  
Members of the public in attendance: Nathan Strong

Holker called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen to approve as submitted. Motion Carried: 5-0.

#### COORESPONDENCE

**Permit # 18-22.** Downstream Notification Sent. No one attended to speak against the permit. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Bork to approve as submitted. Motion Carried: 5-0.

**Permit # 26-22.** Moore Engineering Recommendation was submitted. Doschadis reported on the recommended changes to the original design. Doschadis will reach out to the applicant to check on their interest in revising their original plan. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Holker to approve as revised. Motion Carried:5-0. If applicant is not in agreement, the permit will be revoked.

**Permit # 42-22.** Moore Engineering Recommendation was reviewed and Doschadis noted that the township has agreed to allow a culvert under their road which will also help keep the road from overtopping as frequently. The township was also okay with the applicant placing tile under another road. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer to approve as submitted. Motion Carried:5-0.

**Permit # 53-22, 54-22 and 55-22.** Nathan Strong attended to represent the permits. Discussion took place on the subwatershed delineation that was previously completed by Moore Engineering. The board recognize that there is some existing tile downstream of permits 53 and 54. The board also noted that there are several basins downstream of 55 that will likely be of concern to those landowners. Strong noted that there are no pumps and no open intakes on the project and that they designed their projects based off the subwatershed delineation, they have not contacted any downstream landowners as of today's meeting. The board noted that the best course of action is to notify downstream landowners and invite them to the October meeting. The board and Strong also agreed that having an Engineer look at these three permits would be helpful for discussion at the October Meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. One Watershed, One Plan. Doschadis reports that the plan is moving along as scheduled. There will be a joint meeting in October for advisory, citizens, steering team staff and policy committee.
2. Big Stone Lake/ Minnesota River. Lake is at 967.55 as of this morning. Doschadis will begin the fall drawdown in October, with a start date depending heavily on forecasted temperatures.
3. Browns Valley. Doschadis will contact the county to see if they are able to mow trees through the low flow channel.
4. Beardsley Dry Lake. HEI is working on an assessment of the area and if lake levels could be impacting the city's wastewater system.
5. Dam Operations. Sediment on walkway was previously removed by the Ortonville Fire Departments. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie to donate \$500 to the fire department. Thanking them for their commitment to the community and assisting with our project. Motion Carried: 5-0.

HEI Task Order- 2022- 002. PreBid Meeting was held on site on 9/7. Bid Submission date is late September. A motion to approve moving forward with a contract, if it comes in under engineer's estimate was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried: 5-0. If bids do not come in under the engineer's estimate, the board will revisit during the October Meeting.

6. Whetstone River Restoration. Doschadis reports that the COE permit is on schedule for September submission. Doschadis will present a letter of support for the board to review at a future meeting for the DNR LSOHC Funds.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Manager Reappointments and Oath of Office. Holker and Bork both took the Oath of Office and signed their Manager's Bond.
2. Administrator's Report was presented by Doschadis. A motion to approve the report, removing permits 57-22 and 58-22 was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried: 5-0.

Permit 57-22 Evan Holker was presented. A motion to approve as submitted, was made by Gillespie seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried: 4-0 with Holker abstaining.

Permit 58-22 Terry and Chad Gillespie was presented. A motion to approve as submitted, was made by Meyer seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 4-0 with Gillespie abstaining.

3. MAWD Strategic Plan was emailed out prior to this meeting. Board members reviewed and agreed to support the plan as submitted. Motion made by Haugen, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 5-0.
4. Education and Outreach. Doschadis presented a letter requesting support from Bonanza Education Center. The board discussed the 10-year plan and how valuable an asset Bonanza is to the community. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to support Bonanza Education Center over the next 5 years, allocating \$5,000 each year for Education and Outreach. Motion Carried: 5-0.

MANAGER UPDATES Gene Meyer reports that he will not be at the October Meeting.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – October 11, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

UMRWD Regular Meeting – November 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

UMRWD Regular Meeting – December 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

MAWD Annual Meeting – December 1-2, 2022

Holker adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary