

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday January 10, 2023 at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Haugen, Bork and Meyer. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis. Jeff Klages attended, representing Big Stone County. There were no members of the public in attendance for this meeting.

Holker called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen to approve Minutes from the December Meeting, as well as authorization of submitted invoices, as presented by Doschadis. Motion Carried: 4-0.

Houston Engineering	\$13,405.50
Minger Construction	\$87,428.50

### DISTRICT OPERATIONS

1. Designation of Officers. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen to appoint Holker as President, Haugen as Vice President, Meyer as Secretary, and Gillespie as Treasurer. Motion Carried: 4-0.
2. Designation of Depositories. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer to continue to use CenBank and MinnWest. Motion Carried: 4-0.
3. Designation of Official Newspapers. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to continue to use the Ortonville Independent and Northern Star. Motion Carried: 4-0.
4. Designation of Engineer and Attorney. A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Meyer to continue to use Houston Engineering and Rinke Noonan. Motion Carried: 4-0.
5. Approval of 2023 Board Meeting Dates. Doschadis presented with monthly meetings scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
6. Designation of Employee Committee. A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Meyer to have Haugen and Bork on the 2023 committee. Motion Carried: 4-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. One Watershed, One Plan. A motion to approve invoice #63031 was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried: 4-0.
2. Browns Valley. State of MN JPA on Fish Passage Design was finalized, and HEI will begin work outlined in Task Order # 2022-3 this February.
3. Beardsley Dry Lake. Doschadis will follow up with Backer and Anderson on Bonding Bill
4. Dam Operations. Doschadis gave an overview of the gate conditions after visiting Maguire Iron earlier this month. Maguire Iron had sandblasted one gate and Dennis McAlpine from HEI joined Doschadis on the site visit. No structural concerns were discovered, Maguire will continue to sandblast and prepare to refinish all 8 gates. Project is on schedule for an early February re-install. PAY REQUEST #1- Minger Construction was presented by Doschadis. A motion to authorize payment was made by Bork, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried: 4-0.

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5. Whetstone River Restoration. EA-EAW comment period ended on January 5<sup>th</sup> Doschadis will work with HEI to complete a finding of facts for board review during the February Meeting. Doschadis reported that the project was not successful in securing a CWF Grant through BWSR this round but will reapply if funding is still needed the next time applications are accepted.
6. Kleindl Wetland Bank. Doschadis presented a request from the City of Lakeville for .04 acres. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Bork to approve the purchase at \$55,000 per acre for a total purchase price of \$2,200. Motion Carried: 4-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrator's Report was presented by Doschadis. Revisions were made to permits #53-44 and 54-55. Doschadis will work with landowners and applicant on final design. A motion to approve the revised report was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried: 4-0.
2. Johnson and Roggenbuck. Holker made a motion to engage in the 2021 Audit Commitment with Johnson and Roggenbuck, Bork seconded this motion. Motion Carried: 4-0.

MANAGER UPDATES MAWD Legislative Event was discussed. Doschadis will sign up Holker, Haugen and Bork for the event.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – February 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MAWD Legislative Meetings - February 15-16, 2023

UMRWD Regular Meeting – March 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary