

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday April 11, 2023 at the district office located at 211 2nd Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Haugen, Bork, Gillespie and Meyer. Curt Vacek, representing permit #24-23 was also present.

Holker called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie to approve Minutes from the March Meeting as submitted, as well as authorize payment of submitted invoices, as presented by Doschadis. Motion Carried: 5-0

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| Houston Engineering Browns Valley Fish Passage | \$10,366.00 |
| Houston Engineering Browns Valley Fish Passage | \$20,193.75 |
| ESRI- GIS Yearly Subscription | \$213.75 |
| LMCIT- Prop and Cas. Insurance Premium | \$3,011.00 |
| Discover | \$471.41 |
| Big Stone County 2023 IT Services | \$838.59 |
| Big Stone County QuickBooks Subscription | 1243.17 |

CORRESPONDENCE

9:05 am Permit #24-23. Curt Vacek on behalf of MN DNR and Pheasants Forever UMRWD board reviewed the proposed plans for reinforcing the currently eroding highwater overflow from Swenson Lake. A motion to approve, as submitted was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork, with the request that the applicant work with County Engineer on timing of the project and erosion prevention. Motion Carried: 5-0

Curt Vacek left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration
 Doschadis reported on a grant opportunity that was explored with SD GFP, but ultimately wasn't the right fit for funding project components in SD. Doschadis will continue to explore any and all opportunities to secure funding in SD.
2. Big Stone Lake/ Dam Operations
 Update on Dam Gate. Doschadis gave an overview on efforts to trouble shoot one gate that came out of alignment. After water recedes, a local contractor will come and lift the tubes, Doschadis will then examine the exposed screws to determine if they are in working order.
 Lake Level/ Precip in Snowpack update was given by Doschadis.
 Remote operations of 4 gates is underway, Doschadis is working with the county on the specs.
3. Browns Valley
 Diversion Fish Passage Update on Design work with the current MN DNR agreement was given by Doschadis.
 Toelle Coulee Phase 2 funding is in the current draft bonding bill, will go to Governor's office next.
4. One Watershed, One Plan
 Doschadis reports that there is a Staff meeting this month and May will be a PC Meeting
 The board reviewed different governance options, Doschadis will reach out to Rinke Noonan for

legal opinion on UMRWD becoming the lead on a future implementation plan.

5. Beardsley Dry Lake

Update on Bonding bill. Kayla Holtz, Mayor of Beardsley, testified on behalf of the project.

6. Kleindl Wetland Bank- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

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

MANAGER UPDATES- N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

UMRWD Regular Meeting – June 13, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MAWD Summer Tour – June 20 – 21, 2023

Holker adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary