

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday August 15, 2023 at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Haugen, Gillespie and Meyer. Members of the public in attendance include Paul Radermacher, incoming board manager.

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

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Haugen to approve Minutes from the previous meeting, as well as authorize payment of submitted invoices, as presented by Doschadis. Motion Carried: 4-0

Houston Engineering BV Fish Passage #66233	\$819.50
Houston Engineering BV Fish Diversion. FEMA Assistance	\$10,432.77
Goodhart Excavating BV Debris Removal from Diversion Channel	\$9,700.00
Big Stone County Hwy Beardsley Dry Lake	\$630.00
Houston Engineering Dry lake #66402	\$1,013.25
Pheasant County Lawn Mowing at Dam	\$240.00
Moore Engineering Permit #28-23	\$738.75
Houston Engineering 1W1P #66277	\$13,781.20
Cutting Edge Engraving Retirement Plaque	\$36.00
Discover	\$375.29
UMRWD Browns Valley DNR Fish Passage Reimbursement	\$49,171.25

### CORRESPONDENCE

Permit #28-23. Engineer Review. Revision to Permit was submitted for record.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Whetstone River Restoration

Doschadis presented the updated Task order 2023-001 from Houston Engineering. A motion to approve the task order as submitted was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried: 4-0

Manager Jon Bork arrived at the meeting at 9:17am.

#### 2. Big Stone Lake/ Dam Operations lake is at 968.20. Doschadis is operating gates in low lake level flows and reports that all gates are working as they should.

Final pay request for Dam Maintenance from Minger was reviewed. A motion to approve payment as submitted was made by Meyer, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 5-0

#### 3. Browns Valley

Little MN- Diversion Sediment Survey and cost/ engineers estimate was presented by Doschadis. Trees have been removed from the diversion channel.

Submitted invoices from the Medberry Family were presented.

The board discussed trees that were deposited on the Medberry's property during spring flooding through the diversion channel and felt that reimbursing for those costs was appropriate. A motion to reimburse was made by Holker, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 5-0

The board didn't feel that reimbursing the Medberry's for the repair of their private dike was necessary as there was no certification of the protection it provides to the Medberry's. Doschadis will discuss with the landowner and coordinate attendance at a future meeting if they so choose.

The board discussed ongoing expenses and the need to create a maintenance fund. A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Haugen to have Doschadis work with Rinke Noonan and Houston Engineering on the necessary steps to establish benefits roles for Browns Valley Diversion and Toelle Coulee Phase 1. Motion Carried: 5-0

4. One Watershed, One Plan

Plan out for public comment. Doschadis presented a Resolution on Intent to Plan.

**Resolution to Adopt and Implement the**

**Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

**Whereas**, Upper Minnesota River Watershed District (WD) entered into a planning agreement Memorandum of Agreement to develop the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas**, The WD has been an active participant in the development of the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas**, The WD recommends the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee submit the Plan for State approval; and

**Whereas**, Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee will submit the Plan for State approval; and

**Whereas**, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a watershed management plan developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103D to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, contingent on BWSR approval, Upper Minnesota River Watershed District hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Upper Minnesota River Partnership identified within the Plan and serve as a substitute for the county local water management plan as per 103B for the duration of the State approved Plan.

A motion to approve was made by Holker, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 5-0

5. Beardsley Dry Lake

Updated cost estimate to BWSR. Amber attended July 25<sup>th</sup> BWSR meeting.

Regional group adopted the resolution, suggesting the grant to the next full board meeting

The board discussed our responsibility to review the original project and determine if there are any opportunities to repair or replace the project differently. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to reopen the project for consideration of repairs, maintenance and/or replacement. Motion Carried: 5-0. Doschadis will work with Houston Engineering on a cost estimate to reopen the technical memo and identify options for repair including coordination of a cost estimate for the effort.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrator's Report was presented by Doschadis. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried: 5-0
2. Board Manager Terms. Terry Gillespie was reappointed, and the new Board Member is Paul Radermacher, replacing Gary Haugen in his retirement from the URMWD Board.
3. 2024 Proposed Budget was reviewed. Doschadis will prepare final documents for September Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – September 12, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

UMRWD Regular Meeting – October 10, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.