

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday February 13, 2024 at the district office located at 211 2nd Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Radermacher, Holker, Meyer and Bork. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis, facilitated the meeting with President Holker. There were no members of the public present during this meeting.

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

Minutes and Expenses

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to approve minutes from the previous meeting, as well as authorize payment of submitted expenses, as presented by Doschadis. Motion Carried: 4-0

Houston Engineering # 67400 BV Fish Passage	\$1,500.25
MN Assoc of Counties. Drainage Conference	\$195.00
Discover. Office Supplies	\$39.76
Independent/ Northern Star BV Sediment Removal Bid Ad	\$103.50
Independent/ Northern Star BV Sediment Removal Bid Ad	\$68.25
Houston Engineering # 69319 BV Diversion Benefits Effort	\$2,114.25
Houston Engineering # 69318 Beardsley Dry Lake	\$2,403.00

Permit #02-24 in Malta Section 23 was presented by Doschadis. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Radermacher, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 4-0

Otre Section 10. Doschadis reviewed survey data with the board and discussed progress made with the landowners over the past month. A preliminary permit, pending further coordination among landowners, will be presented during the Administrators Report.

Whetstone River Restoration.

1. USACE Permit. Doschadis reviewed USACE responses to action items that need to be further addressed.
2. BIL USFWS Fish Passage Program. Doschadis reports that the joint application for Whetstone and Browns Valley Fish passage efforts has passed onto nationwide review with USFWS.

Browns Valley

1. Diversion Mechanism for Maintenance. Efforts with Rinke Noonan and Houston Engineering are ongoing.
2. Diversion Sediment Removal. Contractor Bid Proposals were presented by Doschadis. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to approve Joe Riley Construction for the project, pending engineer review. Motion Carried 4-0.

Beardsley Dry Lake

1. City of Beardsley Coordination. Doschadis attended the city meeting to discuss funding gaps in the repair/ replacement of the Dry Lake Outlet. The city moved to have Doschadis work with city officials and staff on a proposal to Representative Anderson, to pursue additional bonding bill funds for the project.

One Watershed, One Plan

1. Public Hearing. BWSR Review. Doschadis will attend the Regional Meeting on February 27th
2. Houston Engineering. MS4Front and Development of Ranking and Scoring for Projects was presented by Doschadis. A motion to approve this effort was made by Radermacher, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 4-0.
3. Implementation Agreement for 1W1P was reviewed and a motion to enter into this agreement was made by Meyer, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 4-0.

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Administrator's Report was presented by Doschadis and a motion to approve, as submitted was made by Holker, seconded by Radermacher. Motion Carried 4-0.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Days – March 6-7, 2024

UMRWD Regular Meeting – March 12, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

UMRWD Regular Meeting – April 9, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary