

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday April 9, 2024 at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Radermacher, Holker, Meyer, Gillespie and Bork. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis, facilitated the meeting with President Holker.

Wade Athey representing Big Stone County Commissioners attended the meeting. Lisa Odens of Houston Engineering (via phone call) was also present for a portion of the meeting. 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 Gillespie, seconded by Bork to approve minutes from the previous meeting, as well as authorize payment of submitted expenses, as presented by Doschadis. Motion Carried: 5-0

Conroy. Camera Setup at Dam	\$655.70
Discover. Office Supplies	\$226.58
Houston Engineering 1W1P	\$408.50
Houston Engineering. Engineering Support on Maps	\$507.00
LMCIT Work Comp Premium	\$583.00
Esri Subscription	\$213.75
Rinke Noonan Retainer Fee	\$415.00
Big Stone County Dry Lake Inlet Support	\$47.55
Houston Engineering Dry Lake Analysis	\$7,545.50
Rinke Noonan Whetstone Support	\$278.00
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Ortonville Independent. BV Public Meeting Mailing	\$228.08
Rinke Noonan Browns Valley Support	\$932.00
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### **Browns Valley**

1. Doschadis gave an update on the April 4, 2024 Public Informational Meeting that was held in Browns Valley, MN. The board noted reasonable turnout and the need for future meetings on Diversion benefits as well as a future Toelle Coulee Phase 2 Project. A motion to approve minutes from the April 4 Meeting was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried: 5-0. A motion to authorize Houston Engineering to revise their engineers report for the purpose of assisting the board in evaluating and recommending project benefits was made by Radermacher, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried: 5-0. Lisa left the meeting at 9:05 am.

### **Whetstone River Restoration**

1. Project and Grant Updates were given by Doschadis.

### **Wetland Bank**

1. Doschadis presented a Request for Quotes from USACE. The Request includes a proposal for purchasing credits from Bank Service Are 9, noting that withdrawal and stewardship fees are also to be paid by the credit holder. A motion to approve Doschadis to respond to the RFP, with a purchase price of \$62,000 per credit was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried: 5-0

### **One Watershed, One Plan**

1. The Upper Minnesota River Watershed Partnerships Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was approved by the BWSR Board.

2. Implementation Timelines were reviewed by Doschadis along with discussion on opening a new account for the future Clean Water Funds. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer to open an additional

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account at CenBank for the Upper Minnesota River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion Carried: 5-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary