

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday July 9, 2024 at the district office located at 211 2nd Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Gillespie, Radermacher, Meyer and Bork. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis, facilitated the meeting with President Wanda Holker. Members of the public present during this meeting: Wayne Lehne.

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

Minutes and Expenses

A motion to approve previous month’s minutes and current expenses was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion carried: 5-0.

Discover	\$899.22
Houston Engineering # 71350 1W1P Planning Grant	\$16,200.00
Houston Engineering # 71576 BV Diversion Flood Project	\$8,496.30
Big Stone County- Mowing at Dam	\$440.00
Big Stone Highway Dry Lake inlet	\$47.55
Cal Lillehaug- Beaver at Dry lake	\$400.00
Rinke Noonan Legal Support	\$124.50
Moore Engineering Permit Review # 34-24	\$831.25
Paulsen' Tree Service- Spray at Dam	\$400.00
Roberts County Highway 2024 Bridge Inspection	\$1,269.53

Shible-Hebert Township –Shible Section 3 and Hegbert Section 33/34 Drainage. Wayne Lehne spoke to the board on behalf of Hegbert Township. A tile was previously placed in the SE ¼ of Section 3 in Shible Township. This tile outlet, when functioning properly, provides an outlet for water in Shible Section 3 and keeps standing water off of Hegbert Township roads to the North and North West. Hegbert Township would like to request a review of how the tile is operated and if/when the tile outlet should be closed. Doschadis will contact both Townships, as well as Swift drainage staff, and invite them to the August Meeting.

Attending virtually though Microsoft Teams are Dennis McAlpine and Lisa Odens.

Whetstone River Restoration

1. Waste Removal with Hedge FLP. Overview of the groundwater results was given by Dennis and Lisa. Staff will coordinate with Big Stone County to appease their land use requirements.
2. America the Beautiful. SWO Application advanced to the final round, revisions will be made and submitted before the mid-July deadline.
3. USACE Permitting Requirements. Dennis and Lisa discussed the progress with MN DNR staff and FEMA floodplain coordination. As part of the existing task order, HEI will now proceed with modeling requirements to satisfy USACE permits.

Dennis McAlpine and Lisa Odens left the meeting.

Browns Valley

1. Sediment Removal Project. Doschadis reports that the channel is drying up nicely and pending any large rain events the contractor should begin work in August.
2. Toelle Coulee. Doschadis worked with MN DNR and a \$29,436.34 match is needed for this grant, and funds have been set aside for this in the project account. City approved a revision to their previous resolution and we are

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now waiting on the final grant from DNR. Once the grant has been executed Doschadis will coordinate with HEI on the task order 2024-004 that was approved by the board during the June meeting.

One Watershed, One Plan

Doschadis gave an update on progress and presented implementations documents that will need to be adopted before we begin spending implementation funds. A motion was made by Radermacher, seconded by Bork to approve the documents, pending revisions from the Policy Committee and upon legal review from Rinke Noonan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Administrator’s Report

A motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Meyer, seconded by Radermacher. Motion carried: 5-0.

2025 Budget Proposal

Doschadis presented the proposed budget for 2025 and a motion was made by Bork, seconded by Holker to publish a notice of the hearing, with a summary of the proposed budget in local newspapers. Motion carried: 5-0.

Minnesota Watersheds – Association Resolutions

Doschadis asked for any resolution ideas to present to the membership this fall, none were given.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary