

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday August 13, 2024 at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Gillespie, Radermacher, Meyer and Bork. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis facilitated the meeting with Vice-President Terry Gillespie. Members of the public present during this meeting: Luke Olson, BWSR.

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

### **2025 Budget Hearing**

Doschadis presented the District's 2025 Budget for discussion. No members of the public made comment at this time. A motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Bork to approve the total proposed 2025 Budget of \$375,500.00  
Motion Carried: 4-0

**Shible-Hegbert Township** –Doschadis completed a site visit with Swift County to talk about current culvert sizing in their roads and options to improve flow in the area. Doschadis will discuss options with surrounding landowners and invite them to attend a future meeting as plans progress.

### **Minutes and Expenses**

A motion to approve previous month's minutes and current expenses was made by Bork, seconded by Radermacher. Motion carried: 4-0.

Big Stone County - Mowing	\$440.00
HEI # 71595 UBSL Resiliency Planning	\$7,003.75
HEI # 72199 Whetstone - GW Investigation	\$10,662.08
Johnson and Roggenbuck 23 and 24 Audit Fees	\$4,285.00
Big Stone Highway- Dry Lake Inlet	\$47.55
Gazette Publishing 2025 Budget Notice	\$95.00

### **Whetstone River Restoration**

1. Waste Removal with Hedge FLP – Presented findings to Big Stone County staff, they will identify a process to proceed with County Planning and Zoning Regulations.
2. America the Beautiful. SWO Application for remaining funds had been submitted.

### **Browns Valley**

1. Sediment Removal Project. Channel is drying nicely, pushing to first week in September with an end of month completion requirement.
2. Toelle Coulee. Grant now finalized with MN DNR, City has authorized UMRWD to be fiscal agent and receive payments directly for this grant.
3. Toelle Coulee – Phase 1 Spraying. Doschadis is working with Paulsen's to have done in the next few weeks.

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

Planning grant was closed out at the end of July. Initial reconciliation shows a minor return of unused grant funds. Doschadis will work with BWSR staff on the final grant audit.

BWSR staff worked to secure grant opportunities for local 1W1P Partners to offer CRP Incentives, separate from the CWMP Grant funding. This grant is for \$50,000 and cost share requirements will be included in the CWMP cost-share policies. A motion to approve entering into this grant with BWSR on behalf of the Upper Minnesota River's CWMP Partnership was made by Radermacher, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried: 4-0.

### **2023 Audit Report**

Doschadis presented the audit documents, completed by Johnson and Roggenbuck, CPA. A motion to accept this report as presented was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried: 4-0.

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**Board Manager Terms**

Doschadis reports that Gene Meyer is interested in retiring as Board manager, if Swift County can find a replacement. Paul Radermacher's term is up for reappointment.

**Administrator's Report**

A motion to approve the report as submitted by Doschadis, was made by Radermacher seconded by Bork. Motion carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary