

September 10, 2024

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday September 10, 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: Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner

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 Radermacher, seconded by Bork. Motion carried: 5-0.

Browns Valley

1. Sediment Removal Project has been delayed due to contractor's schedule. Doschadis will work on an updated timeline and a contract extension if the contractor's revised schedule fits our requirements.
2. Toelle Coulee – Phase 2. Grant with DNR has been finalized and Doschadis executed the task order #2024-004 with HEI on 9/9.
3. Toelle Coulee – Phase 1. Paulsen's should be wrapping up spraying this week. Doschadis will monitor the volunteer trees and plan accordingly for next spring.

One Watershed, One Plan

Planning grant was closed out at the end of July and no revisions were made to the amount returned to BWSR. Implementation Agreements are being reviewed by John Kolb at Rinke Noonan.

Beardsley Dry Lake – Draft Report was presented by Doschadis. The engineer's suggestion is to move forward with an alternate route. Doschadis will attend the Beardsley city meeting on the 11th to go over the report and get their opinion on the report and potential timelines for moving forward.

Big Stone Whetstone Dam

Rehabilitation Project – Process Final Pay Request for the project completed in 2023 was presented by Doschadis. Doschadis explained that the contractor hadn't submitting proper documentation in order for the District to release final payment, those documents were received on the 9th and we can now legally pay them. A motion to process final payment was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried: 5-0.

Board Manager Terms

Radermacher and Meyer were both reappointed to serve on the UMRWD Board. Manager Oath of Office and Bond paperwork will be completed at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary