

June 10, 2025

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday June 10, 2025, at the district office located at 211 2nd Street SE Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Gillespie, Holker, Sandberg and Giese. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis assisted with the meeting in coordination with Board Chair Wanda Holker. Members of the public present were Lisa Odens (via phone) from Houston Engineering; and Big Stone County Commissioner Wade Athey.

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

Minutes and Expenses

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

Big Stone County	Mowing, tree removal at dam	\$675.00
Houston Engineering	# 76258 Waste, Whetstone	\$11,874.25
Houston Engineering	# 76543 UBSL Clime Res. Work	\$7,601.25
Discover	MWs Summer Tour Registration	\$270.46
Independent/ Northern Star	#95211, 95092, 95180 Whetstone Waste Public Notices	\$231.00

Upper Big Stone Lake

Lisa attended virtually to report on the final projects selected for further analysis, based on stakeholder review. Doschadis reports that the grant with MPCA ends on June 30th

Browns Valley

A public hearing on the Benefitted Property Determination for Browns Valley Diversion Project will be held on June 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Browns Valley American Legion

Toelle Coulee Phase 2

Alternative Analysis. Doschadis and HEI met with DNR to discuss dam safety requirements for various features of the alternatives that HEI included in their draft report. Doschadis will hold off on individual discussions with landowners until after the public meeting. During the meeting, UMRWD will give an update on the floodplain mapping that HEI drafted and explain how each project may accomplish different levels of flood protection.

Toelle Coulee Phase 1

Maintenance - Mowing and Spraying. Doschadis presented a scop of work/bid sheet for mowing and/or cutting of trees in the ditch; spraying trees with Tordon following cutting; and general spraying for weeds. A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Sandberg to post the project for bids, with a due date of June 30th Motion carried: 4-0.

Whetstone

Waste Remediation - Project Bid Review.

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Giese to approve entering a contract with J and J Earthworks, authorizing Doschadis to sign the notice of award and proceed with the project. Motion carried: 4-0.

A motion was made by Gillespie to approve Braun and Scott testing estimates as presented, seconded by Giese. Motion carried: 4-0.

Administrator's Report

A motion to approve as presented was made by Holker, seconded by Sandberg. Motion carried: 4-0.

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Minnesota Watersheds

Doschadis presented the resolutions submitted by association members. Discussion took place on the resolutions and Doschadis will send comments to Jan of MWs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Travis Sandberg, Secretary