

August 12, 2025

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday August 12, 2025, at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Bork, Holker, Gillespie 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: Big Stone County Commissioner Wade Athey.

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

### **2026 Budget Hearing**

Doschadis presented the District's 2026 Budget for discussion. No members of the public made comment at this time. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to approve the total proposed 2026 Budget of \$375,500.00. Motion Carried: 4-0

### **Minutes and Expenses**

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

Discover	offices supplies	\$250.71
Paulsen's Tree Service	spraying at dam	\$632.81
Big Stone County	mowing at dam	\$700.00
Big Stone County	dry lake inlet	\$54.85
Houston Engineering	#77294 Whetstone Restoration	\$11,823.25
Houston Engineering	#77269 Whetstone - Waste	\$14,634.10
Rinke Noonan	#396230 Whetstone Waste	\$665.00
Braun Intertec	#8436982 Whetstone - Waste testing	\$1,956.00
J and J Earthworks	Whetstone Waste- Pay Request #1	\$94,627.60
Houston Engineering	#77212 BV Toelle Coulee Phase 2	\$3,659.25
Houston Engineering	#77211 BV Diversion Flood Benefits	\$1,063.25
Rinke Noonan	#396941 BV Diversion Flood Benefits	\$3,413.00
Appleton Press	Budget Notice	\$65.10
Gazette Publishing	Budget Notice	\$99.00

### **Browns Valley**

Doschadis is working with Lisa at HEI on an extension to the Benefitted Property Determination for Browns Valley, Diversion Project efforts, to include an estimate on potential damages from the original project. Diversion may need to be reseeded in some areas due to spring flooding and weed growth on the spoil pile.

### **Toelle Coulee Phase 1**

Doschadis will continue to reach out to locals on the Maintenance - Mowing and Spraying of the "ditch through town". If we are unable to find someone locally, we can consider posting the job on statewide platforms.

### **Toelle Coulee Phase 2**

Doschadis continues to work the HEI on the Alternative Analysis – Storage Opportunities/ impacts to those upstream. Next steps include further discussion with DNR on the potential storage projects and reaching out to landowners who may be interested in allowing storage on their properties.

### **Whetstone**

Waste Remediation Project. Pay Request #1 from J and J Earthworks was presented and a motion was made by Bork, seconded by Giese to approve payment. Motion Carried: 4-0

Doschadis will travel to St Paul this Wednesday for a Thursday morning meeting with the USACE.

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### **Administrator's Report**

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

### **Minnesota Watersheds**

2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions will be held virtually on August 25, 2025

Wanda Holker and Jon Bork will serve as delegates with Travis Sandberg offering to attend as an alternate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Travis Sandberg, Secretary