

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday February 10, 2026, at the district office located at 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Bork, 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 for this meeting include: Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner.

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 Bork, seconded by Sandberg. Motion carried: 4-0.

### **2026 District Office Rent**

Doschadis reported that JL&D Properties accepted their terms of a 60 day written notice and all utilities included as proposed following the January Meeting.

### **Whetstone River Restoration**

Doschadis presented the quotes received for the Tree Removal Project. Following review, a motion was made by Bork and seconded by Giese to award the project to J and J Earthworks as the lowest bidder. Motion carried: 4-0. Doschadis will coordinate with the contractor to ensure all paperwork is in order before they begin work.

### **Browns Valley**

Browns Valley, Diversion Project

Doschadis presented the additional properties within the .01 standard deviation, the board agreed that these should be added to the final damages report.

Doschadis will continue to work with the City and County on any restrictions to properties within the floodplain. John Kolb is looking into any impacts to crop insurance on farmland.

### **Browns Valley, Ditch through Town**

Doschadis has been watching the snow/ water accumulation in the ditch and there is too much to successfully do a winter mowing of volunteer trees. Doschadis will coordinate with a contractor in the spring/ summer.

### **Wetland Bank**

Weidl's need an additional .016 acres from our wetland bank. A motion was made by Sandberg, seconded by Bork to approve the sale of an additional .016 acres. Motion carried: 4-0.

Administrator's Report was presented by Doschadis, and a motion was made by Sandberg, seconded by Bork to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Travis Sandberg, Secretary