

July 14, 2026

Pursuant to notice and due call, a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers was held Tuesday July 14, 2026, at the district office located at 211 2nd Street SE Ortonville, MN. Board members present were Holker, Gillespie, Sandberg, Bork and Giese. Executive Director of the UMRWD, Amber Doschadis, assisted with the meeting in coordination with Board Chair Wanda Holker. There were no members of the public present for the meeting.

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 Giese. Motion carried: 5-0.

Whetstone River Restoration

Doschadis gave an update on the SD DANR permit, while the comment period has ended DANR staff will allow a window for comments sent in via mail before moving to the next step in their process.

Browns Valley

Doschadis noted that engineering is a bit behind on their draft bid package. Diversion Project Damages Meeting will be held on August 24TH at 5:30 pm.

Browns Valley, Toelle Coulee 1

Howard Paulsen did not return a quote for manually cutting and spraying trees. Doschadis will send the package to other local contractors to gauge interest for work this late summer/ early fall.

Browns Valley, Toelle Coulee 2

Houston Engineering continues to work on cost estimates for separate features to present at a future public meeting.

Administrator's Report

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

Minnesota Watersheds

Resolutions presented to the association were discussed. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Giese authorizing Holker and Bork as delegates to attend the virtual meeting in August and vote on behalf of the UMRWD Board of Managers. Motion carried: 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Travis Sandberg, Secretary