Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday May 8, 2018 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Haugen, Toelle, Holker, Gillespie and Meyer. Staff member present was Radermacher. There were no members of the public present today.

Chairperson Toelle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES
Minutes from the April 10, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Gillespie, seconded by Holker. Motion carried. All in favor: 5, against: 0.

CORRESPONDENCE
1. MAWD Legislative Update was given by the Administrator and landowner concerns were discussed.

2. Big Stone County Buffer Ordinance was discussed and Big Stone County will hold a public meeting on June 5th.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Whetstone River Restoration
   a. Administrator gave an update on revisions to the current contract and the response from Paul Strong/Hedge Family and their concerns on the cheese factory being in the flood plain.
   b. Meeting with the MPCA will be scheduled after we hear back from the Hedge Family.

2. Toelle Coulee
   A public meeting with landowners will be held to discuss the project.

3. Kleindl Wetland Bank –
   a. A TEP Meeting was held on 4/11 with WCA LGU and BWSR, Administrator gave an overview of this meeting and the concerns for lack of forbs growing in the restoration area.
   b. Cost estimate from SWCD to reseed the area was discussed. Haugen made a motion to approve this work, seconded by Toelle. All in favor: 5, against: 0.
   c. Kjolhaug is working with the Corps of Engineers on the Annual Report.

4. Marsh Lake Project
   a. Construction is still on hold until it dries up and the frost is out.
   b. Funding update was given by Administrator. They are looking for roughly 1.3 million in additional funds to continue with the project.

NEW BUSINESS
1. PTM APP. Grant/WRAPS Meeting was held with Houston Engineering and the local partner group to discuss how results and costs will be estimated and how they will be measured and put into the app.

2. The boundary change project with the BDSWD and their cost share request were discussed. A motion was made by Gillespie to split the total project cost of $4,000, with the BDSWD for a cap of $2,000 total for the UMRWD. Haugen seconded the motion. All in favor: 5, against: 0.

3. Meyer attended a meeting between Hegbert and Shible Twp. to discuss drainage options in Section 3 of Shible Township. Meyer gave an update on where they are in the planning process of this project.
4. Highway 12 Project.

NEW PERMITS:
1. Shible Twp. - #9-18(SE ¼, SE ¼ Sec. 3 Shible Twp.) A letter will be sent to Gronholz and Busse for downstream landowner signatures before this permit can be approved.

2. James Anderson - #10-18(Sec. 13 Prior Twp. – 76105 Sunset View) A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Toelle seconded by Meyer. All in favor: 5, against: 0.

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED PERMITS
1. Ronald Schmidt - #34-17(Sec. 11,12,13,16,20,21,23,29,30 Akron Twp & Sec. 13 Odessa Twp)

PERMITS PENDING:
1. Todd Dybdahl - #27-16 (SW ¼ Sec. 19 Stevens County)
2. David Maas - #37-16 (NW ¼ Sec. 14 Otrey Twp.)
3. Doug Adelman - #40-16 (SE ½, SE ¼ Sec. 7 Big Stone Twp.)
4. Ray Arens - #31-17 (SE ¼ Sec. 6 Toqua Twp.)
5. Richard Ehrenberg - #37-17(S ½, SW ¼ Sec. 15 Akron Twp.)
6. Gary Haugen - #41-17(SW ¼ Sec. 13 Almond Twp.)
7. Lismore Colony - #54-17(SE ¼ Sec. 28 Prior Twp.)
8. Lismore Colony - #55-17(NE ¼ Sec. 31 Prior Twp.)
9. Lismore Colony - #56-17(SE ¼ Sec. 29 Prior Twp.)
10. Kevin Gloege - #61-17(NE ¼ of Sec. 22 Odessa Twp.)
11. Curtiss Olson - #7-18(SE ¼ Sec. 31 Malta & NE ¼ Sec. 6 Otrey Twp.) A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Toelle seconded by Gillespie. All in favor: 5, against: 0.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
1. UMRWD Regular Meeting – June 12, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.
2. MAWD Summer Tour – June 20 – 22 – Southwest Metro

May 2018 Disbursements

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Motion to adjourn by Holker, seconded by Meyer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, 

Amber Doschadis, Coordinator

Approved by, 

Wanda Holker, Secretary