

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday November 12, 2019 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Holker, Gillespie, Haugen, Bork and Meyer. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis. There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

MINUTES October 1, 2019 – Regular Meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve by Haugen seconded by Bork. Motion carried 5-0

DISBURSEMENTS September 1-31, 2019 were reviewed.

Motion to approve by Meyer seconded by Bork. Motion carried 5-0

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Whetstone River Restoration

a. 2019 Survey Work to be completed by Houston Engineering in MN/SD was presented by Doschadis. A motion to approve this work was made by Haugen, seconded by Holker. Motion carried 5-0

Doschadis also noted that the UMRWD received a \$20,000 donation from Citizens for Big Stone Lake for the Whetstone River Restoration. Funds will be used to cover a portion of the upcoming survey work to be completed in South Dakota.

b. Letter notifying surrounding landowners was sent on 11/1/19.

c. Clean Water Partnership Loan Application Update was given by Doschadis

#### 2. Toelle Coulee

a. Review of Bids for the next phase of the project were reviewed. HEI will do a more in depth review of the bids and make a recommendation at our December meeting.

b. Project Timeline was reviewed.

#### 3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel

a. Project Overview of Cleanout East of County Road 4

The goal is to re-establish the 17 foot wide low flow channel, moving the sediment to west side of 4, north of the dike.

b. Review of Bids. At this time no bids have been received. UMRWD will review again at the December Meeting.

#### 4. Kleindl Wetland Bank Update was given by Doschadis

#### 5. Beardsley Dry Lake

a. Update on System was given by Doschadis

b. Camera/ Tile Inspection will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting

c. Funding Options were reviewed. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer to request Houston Engineering to prepare an opinion of the project condition after the full system has been televised. Motion Carried 5-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 Review of Expenses was given by Doschadis

2. Office Rent Increase for 2020

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Holker to increase our monthly building rent to \$425.00 as requested by Mr. Peterson. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. MAWD Resolutions were reviewed and a motion was made by Holker, seconded by Bork to vote on all matters as the MAWD Committee suggested in the handout provided.

Motion Carried 5-0.

4. Technician/ Project Assistant Position

A motion to close the meeting to discuss employee matters was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting was closed to the public until 2:45pm when a motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Haugen to reopen. Motion Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to terminate the Technician/ Project Assistant. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### NEW PERMITS

109-19. Ryan Danielson- NE ¼ Akron 5. Motion to Approve, Gillespie seconded by Bork.

Motion carried 5-0

110-19. Jacklyn Halvorson- NE ¼ Akron 5. Motion to Approve, Haugen seconded by Meyer.

Motion carried 5-0

111-19. Jacklyn Halvorson- NW ¼ Akron 4. Motion to Approve, pending downstream landowner signature, Bork, seconded by Haugen. Motion carried 5-0

112-19. City of Browns Valley- NW ¼ of SW ¼ West Browns Valley 14. Motion to Approve, Meyer seconded by Holker. Motion carried 5-0

113-19. Edward Anderson- NE ¼ Almond 26. Motion to Approve, pending downstream landowner signature, Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion carried 5-0

114-19. Scott Meyer- SE ¼ Odessa 12. Permit tabled until culvert size increase can be determined

#### ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

115-19. Akron Township- NE ¼ of NE ¼ Lower Akron 1

116-19. Scott Meyer- SE ¼ Odessa 12. Ditch Cleanout

117-19. Mark Kleindl- N ½ Toqua 18. Ditch Cleanout

118-19. Don Kroft- NW ¼ Akron 28. Ditch Cleanout

119-19. Darin and Regina Wixon. Prior 10. Shoreline

#### PERMITS PENDING

9-18. Shible Twp. (SE ¼, SE ¼ Sec. 3 Shible)

20-18. Steve Mitlyng- 75855 Sunset View, Sec. 18 Big Stone- Expired

22-18. Bruce Moberg- SW ¼ Almond 27. Combined with 2019 Permit

31-18. Paul Volkenant- NW ¼, SW ¼ Odessa 9. Expired

36-18. David Botker - SW ¼ Prior 1. Expired

50-18. Todd Sandberg- NE ¼ Prior 36. Expired

60-18. Kevin Gloege- NE ¼ Odessa 22

67-18. Greg Thompson- N ½, SE ¼ Otrey 17

7-19. David Botker - SE ¼ Prior 1

10-19. ASF Inc. E ½ Big Stone 23

11-19. ASF Inc. SE ¼ Otrey 2

13-19. Baby Blue Farms- SE ¼, NE ¼ Malta 29

14-19. Eugene Tesch- E ½, SE ¼ Foster 27

15-19. Eugene Tesch - NW ¼ Foster 35

20-19. Mike Vangsness- NE ¼ Lower Prior 1

25-19. Matt Hipple- SW ¼ Big Stone 13

35-19. Doug Nelson- NW ¼ Big Stone 5

48-19. Shane Maas- N ½ of NE ¼ Odessa 27

- 49-19. Tom Herberg- N ½ Foster 21
- 50-19. Roger Folk- Lakeshore Lower Prior 13
- 51-19. Raymond Arens- SE ¼ Toqua 23
- 59-19. Mark Botker- E ½ Almond 21
- 62-19. Edward Anderson- NW ¼ Almond 25
- 68-19. Douglas Diekmann- E ½ Toqua 3
- 70-19. Prior Township-SE¼ of SE¼ Prior 23
- 93-19. Terry Gillespie- E ½ of NW ¼ Malta 36
- 96-19. Gary Haugen- NE ¼ of NE ¼ Almond 14
- 100-19. Pete Holme- SE ¼ Akron 7
- 102-19. Wayne Zych- E ½ and S ½ Arthur 34
- 103-19. Wayne Zych- NE ¼ Arthur 34
- 104-19 Evan Holker- NW ¼ Otrej 16
- 106-19. Terry Gillespie- NE ¼ Lower Prior2
- 107-19. Al Webster- NE ¼ of SW ¼ Odessa 19
- 108-19. Thomas Holker- SE ¼ Foster 10- Signature Obtained

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAWD Annual Meeting – December 5-7, 2019

UMRWD Regular Meeting – December 10, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Holker at 3:22pm.

**November 2019 Disbursements**

Holker adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary