

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday January 14, 2020 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. Members of the public were Bruce Moberg and Mike Jorgenson.

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

### MINUTES

December 10, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer to approve as submitted. Motion Carried 5-0.

November 2019 – Disbursements were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen to approve as submitted. Motion Carried 5-0.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie to continue with the offices from the previous year

Chairperson- Wanda Holker

Vice Chairperson- Gary Haugen

Treasurer- Terry Gillespie

Secretary- Gene Meyer

Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 1. Designation of Depositories

a. Cenbank – Administrative, Browns Valley Project

b. Minnwest Bank – Whetstone River Account

Motion to continue as noted made by Haugen, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 2. Designation of Official Newspapers – Ortonville, Clinton, Browns Valley, Appleton

Motion to continue as noted made by Meyer, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 3. Designation of Engineer and Attorney – Houston Engineering and Rinke-Noonan

Motion to continue as noted made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 4. Approval of 2020 Board Meeting Dates

Motion to approve as submitted made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 5. Designation of Employee Review/Employee Handbook committee

Motion made by Holker, seconded by Gillespie to have Haugen and Bork serve. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 6. 2020 Board of Managers Daily Per Diem

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to set daily Per Diem at \$125. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 7. 2020 Board of Managers Hourly Rate

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to set an hourly rate of \$25. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 8. 2020 Viewer's Rate

A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Bork to set Viewer's Rates at \$40/hour for main viewer, and \$32/hour for secondary viewers. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 9. County Commissioner Representative was discussed and the board welcomes the suggestion.

County Commissioners will determine who that representative will be.

10. SWCD Representative Mike Jorgenson was present today and the board welcomed him.

11. District Cell Phone

A motion was made by Holker, seconded by Gillespie to terminate the district cell phone with Verizon and set a monthly reimbursable rate of \$50 for the Administrator to use her phone. Motion Carried 5-0.

12. Clothing Allowance was discussed. Doschadis will look into options and costs and report back

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Big Stone SWCD Representative Mike Jorgenson was present to report on the SWCD.

2. 1 Watershed, 1 Plan Boundary Change

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to approve a resolution to enter into 1W1P and approve the suggested boundary changes. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Lower Prior 1 Update was given by Doschadis

4. Big Stone 5 and 8 drainage concerns were presented by Doschadis. The District discussed their decisions on past permits and looks forward to working with landowners in the area to decrease impacts of high water in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration

a. Clean Water Partnership Loan was reviewed. Doschadis will submit the application.

2. Toelle Coulee

a. Construction Contract and Future Change Order Items were discussed.

3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel

a. Review Bid

b. FEMA Extension. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to apply for an extension with FEMA and re-bid the project for 2020. Motion Carried 5-0.

4. Beardsley Dry Lake

a. Update on System was given by Doschadis

b. Houston Engineering Report. The board discussed the Engineer's Report and Certification of the project and potential replacement from Station 7+00 to 45+00.

A motion was made to accept the engineer's report and certification and for Doschadis to schedule a Public Hearing per our attorneys advice.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 Audit Authorization and Engagement Letter.

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to have Johnson and Roggenbuck complete the District's 2019 Audit.

NEW PERMITS

01-20. Paul Strong- E ½ of NW ¼ Big Stone 8. Permit tabled for additional information on control structure and downstream landowner signatures.

02-20. Paul Strong- SE ¼ Malta 33. A motion to approve permit pending downstream signature was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

03-20. Paul Strong- SE ¼ Big Stone 13, SW ¼ Otrej 18. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Holker, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0

04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28. Permit tabled to allow staff to look into outlet.

PERMITS PENDING

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

60-18. Kevin Gloege- NE ¼ Odessa 22

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

7-19. David Botker - SE ¼ Prior 1

10-19. ASF Inc. E ½ Big Stone 23

11-19. ASF Inc. SE ¼ Otrej 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

111-19. Jacklyn Halvorson- NW ¼ Akron 4- Signature Obtained.

114-19. Scott Meyer- SE ¼ Odessa 12

120-19. Bruce Moberg- E ½ Malta 30- Landowner attended meeting to discuss permit goals, he will continue to discuss this permit with downstream landowners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – February 11, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Legislative Session - Day at the Capitol – March 18-19, 2020

Holker adjourned the meeting at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary