

March 10, 2020

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday March 10, 2020 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Haugen, Gillespie, Bork, and Meyer. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis. Also present: Mark Botker, Rich Martinson, Kenny Chase, Brian Hamman and Todd Sandberg. Houston Engineering representatives present were Lisa Odens and Chris Otterness.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Permit #05-20. Landowners surrounding the proposed project were in attendance to review and comment on overall water management in the area of Almond 8 and 17. Landowners were encouraged to work together to explore options of a possible outlet for this area.

Mark Botker, Rich Martinson, Kenny Chase and Brian Hamman left the meeting at 1:40 pm.

2. Permit #18-20. Todd Sandberg was present as well as Terry Gillespie to discuss the permit and options for Sandberg to tie into the project as well.

Todd Sandberg left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

3. Permit # 13-20. Downstream Landowners were unable to attend. Administrator gave an overview on their concerns and changes that could be made to the permit to lessen downstream impact

MINUTES and DISBURSEMENTS for February 11, 2020 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie to approve the minutes and disbursements for February. Motion Carried 4-0.

Lisa Odens and Chris Otterness joined the meeting in person, Dennis McAlpine joined via conference line.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration

A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie to approve the Clean Water Partnership Bond Paperwork as submitted to them by Dorsey and Whitney, LLP. Motion Carried 4-0.

2. Toelle Coulee. Houston Engineering was present to give an update on future landowner and pre-construction meetings.

3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel

A update on FEMA was given by Administrator. HEI gave an overview on the base and alternative bids. A motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Haugen to allow Doschadis to move forward with a contract for the base bid and alternative 1 bid with Gladen Construction. Motion Carried 4-0.

4. Beardsley Dry Lake was discussed. Public Hearing is scheduled for 5:00 pm today.

5. Kleindl Wetland Bank update was given by HEI. Final report will be submitted to the appropriate organizations soon.

6. Marsh Lake update on progress and payment request from the COE was presented by Doschadis.

Lisa Odens, Chris Otterness and Dennis McAlpine left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ricoh- Copier Lease. A motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Gillespie to approve Doschadis to cancel the lease with Ricoh. Motion Carried 4-0.
2. County Ditch 2. A public meeting was held through Big Stone County. Haugen and Doschadis gave an update on previous UMRWD involvement and landowner concerns with the current structure.
3. Spring Run-off report was given by Doschadis. Minor ice jams were present at the dam but were quickly remediated by a local contractor.

NEW PERMITS

16-20. Douglas Gronholz- SW ¼ Shible 8. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 4-0

17-20. ASF Inc- N ½ of NE ¼ Otrej 11. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 4-0

18-20. Terry Gillespie- NE ¼ Lower Prior 2. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 3-0 with Gillespie abstaining

19-20. Todd Dybdahl- SW ¼ Malta 22. A motion to approve permit pending downstream signature was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 4-0

21-20. Evan Holker- NE ¼ Big Stone 33. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 4-0

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

20-20. Tom Holker- NW ¼ Foster 29. Ditch Cleanout

64-19. Kyle Gillespie- NE ¼ Malta 10. Permit Extension

38-19. Scott Doschadis- N ½ of NW ¼ Foster 28. Permit Extension

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 Otrey 16
106-19. Terry Gillespie- NE ¼ Lower Prior 2
107-19. Al Webster- NE ¼ of SW ¼ Odessa 19
114-19. Scott Meyer- SE ¼ Odessa 12
120-19. Bruce Moberg- E ½ Malta 30
01-20. Paul Strong- E ½ of NW ¼ Big Stone 8
02-20. Paul Strong- SE ¼ Malta 33
04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28
05-20. Mark Botker- SE ¼ Almond 8, NE ¼ Almond 17. Hold, Permit discussed with landowners.
06-20. Mark Botker- NW ¼ Almond 22
08-20. Vern Johnson- SE ¼ Lower Prior 1
10-20. David Botker- SE ¼ Prior 1
11-20. Todd Dybdahl- NE ¼ Malta 21
12-20. Terry Dybdahl- NW ¼ Malta 22
13-20. Doug Adelman- S ½ of SW ¼ Big Stone 7, N ½ of NE ¼ Big Stone 18. Hold. Permit to be discussed with landowners
14-20. Evan Holker- NE ¼ Odessa 11. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 4-0
15-20. Evan Holker- NW ¼ Otrey 30. A motion to approve permit pending downstream signature was made by Meyer, seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 4-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

UMRWD Regular Meeting – April 14, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Haugen adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary