

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday April 14, 2020 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Chairperson Holker was present on-site. Board members present via conference call were: Haugen, Gillespie, Bork, and Meyer. Staff member present on-site was Administrator, Amber Doschadis. No members of the public were present during this meeting.

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

MINUTES and DISBURSEMENTS for March 10, 2020 were reviewed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Swenson Lake update was given by Administrator.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration

Doschadis reported that the Clean Water Partnership Loan for \$430,000 has been executed. The board also reviewed HEI's updated project timeline. Doschadis will mail letters to all landowners on our progress.

2. Toelle Coulee

Updated on project timeline and budget was given by Doschadis. Construction to begin mid-May.

2. Browns Valley Diversion Channel

Damage from 2019 Spring Runoff was discussed. Doschadis will continue to work with South Dakota and Minnesota FEMA to complete a low-flow diversion cleanout in Summer 2020.

4. Beardsley Dry Lake

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0.

Doschadis will contact all landowners where the district holds easements to follow up with them on our current 2020 circumstances.

5. Kleindl Wetland Bank

Final Report to BWSR and COE was presented by Doschadis.

A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to return a completed proposal back to BWSR on their request for proposals to purchase 9 acres from Area 9 wetland bank.

6. Marsh Lake

Per Doschadis the payment request for bridge abutments was sent to Swift County

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permits involving the PWI

UMRWD will send permits in close proximity to PWI basins and waterways to DNR and instruct landowners to contact them for permits as well.

2. One Watershed, One Plan Resolution progress was discussed.

3. Letter from Administrator outlining upcoming leave was reviewed.

4. Remote Work Policy was presented. A motion to approve was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0.

NEW PERMITS

22-20. James Nelson- NW ¼ Big Stone 25. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Holker, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

23-20. James Nelson- SW ¼ Ortonville 14. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0

24-20. Tim Meyer- NW ¼ Lower Akron 1. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Meyer, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

25-20. 4-Bar-G Farms- W ½ of SW ¼ Shible 6. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 5-0

26-20. Sheridan Giese- W ½ of NW ¼ Shible 32. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Meyer, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 5-0

27-20. Bruce Moberg- N ½ of NE ¼ Malta 30. A motion to approve permit pending downstream landowner signature was made by Gillespie, seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 5-0

28-20. Bruce Moberg- S ½ of SE ¼ Malta 30. Hold Permit pending additional information.

35-20. Donald and Janet Kellen- SE ¼ Browns Valley East 23. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer. Motion Carried 5-0

36-20. Donald and Janet Kellen- NW ¼ of NE ¼ Browns Valley East 23. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

29-20. Otrey Township- Otrey 19. Place Culvert in Field Approach

30-20. Vernon Johnson- SW ¼ Big Stone 7. Clean Ditch

31-20. Thomas Holker- S ½ of Foster 9 and 10. Clean Ditches

32-20. Thomas Holker- SW ¼ Foster 15, SE ¼ Foster 16, SE ¼ Foster 17. Clean Ditches

33-20. Thomas Holker- Foster 20, 33 and 35. Clean Ditches

34-20. Toqua Township- SW ¼ Toqua 15. Place additional culvert

PERMITS PENDING

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

60-18. Kevin Gloege- NE ¼ Odessa 22. Expired

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

7-19. David Botker - SE ¼ Prior 1. Expired

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

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

15-19. Eugene Tesch - NW ¼ Foster 35. Expired

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 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. Hold pending additional information.
01-20. Paul Strong- E ½ of NW ¼ Big Stone 8
02-20. Paul Strong- SE ¼ Malta 33. Release- Signature Obtained
04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28
05-20. Mark Botker- SE ¼ Almond 8, NE ¼ Almond 17. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Bork, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 5-0. Staff will send letter to downstream landowner.
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
15-20. Evan Holker- NW ¼ Otrej 30. Release- Signature Obtained
19-20. Todd Dybdahl- SW ¼ Malta 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

- UMRWD Regular Meeting – May 12, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
UMRWD Regular Meeting – June 2, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
MAWD Summer Tour for June has been cancelled
UMRWD Regular Meeting – July 14, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary