

August 11, 2020

Pursuant to notice and due call a Budget Hearing and Regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday August 11, 2020 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Holker, Haugen, Gillespie and Meyer. Staff member present 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

Minutes from the July 14, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie. Motion carried 4-0

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements were reviewed for May, June and July, 2020. Motion to approve was made by Meyer, seconded by Holker. Motion carried 4-0

Public Hearing

The meeting was opened to the public to discuss the 2021 UMRWD proposed budget.

At 1:15pm the Public Meeting was closed and upon motion by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer the board approved the 2021 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration update was given by Doschadis.
Doschadis will attend the CBSL Annual Meeting and present on the project.
2. Toelle Coulee Construction in Browns Valley is nearly complete
3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel update was given by Doschadis.
Larsen Helicopters sprayed the channel end of July and Gladen plans to begin clearing the sediment from the 2019 Spring Run-off in August.
4. Browns Valley Memo from Rinke Noonan. Doschadis will reach out to Rinke Noonan with hopes of having a report for the September Meeting.
5. Beardsley Dry Lake update was given. The board discussed temporarily repairing the two breaks along the system that are currently opened up and acting as a ditch.
A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie to have Doschadis move forward with securing a contractor to complete these repairs. Motion carried 4-0
6. Kleindl Wetland Bank. Reseeding of upland buffer areas will take place in spring 2021.
7. Marsh Lake Adaptive Team met and because weather this year has been favorable to the goals of the project the drawdown will now continue into fall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 Audit Presentation was given by Doschadis. A motion to approve was made by Gillespie, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried 4-0
2. MAWD- Request for Resolutions was discussed. Doschadis will work with Haugen on possible resolutions to present to the Association.

NEW PERMITS

70-20. Paul Radermacher- SW ¼ Odessa 7. Pending Downstream Signature- M/S/C Haugen, Gillespie

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

69-20. Foster Township- S ½ Foster 28. Replace Existing Culvert

PERMITS PENDING

- 13-19. Baby Blue Farms-** SE ¼, NE ¼ Malta 29- Expired
20-19. Mike Vangness- NE ¼ Lower Prior 1- Expired
25-19. Matt Hipple- SW ¼ Big Stone 13- Expired
35-19. Doug Nelson- NW ¼ Big Stone 5- Expired
48-19. Shane Maas- N ½ of NE ¼ Odessa 27- Remove- Submitted a new permit for work
49-19. Tom Herberg- N ½ Foster 21- Expired
50-19. Roger Folk- Lakeshore Lower Prior 13- Expired
51-19. Raymond Arens- SE ¼ Toqua 23- Expired
59-19. Mark Botker- E ½ Almond 21- Expired
68-19. Douglas Diekmann- E ½ Toqua 3- Expired
70-19. Prior Township-SE¼ of SE¼ Prior 23
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. Signature Obtained.
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
04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28
08-20. Vern Johnson- SE ¼ Lower Prior 1
10-20. David Botker- SE ¼ Prior 1
27-20. Bruce Moberg- N ½ of NE ¼ Malta 30
28-20. Bruce Moberg- S ½ of SE ¼ Malta 30
37-20. Todd Sandberg- SE ¼ Prior 36
38-20. Ryan Gronholz- SW ¼ Akron 14
46-20. Prior Township- NW ¼ Prior 13
47-20. Todd Sandberg- NE ¼ Prior 35
54-20. Rodney Parrott/ DGOG- NW ¼ Folsom 34
62-20. Leon Westbrook- NW ¼ and SW ¼ Arthur 19. Approve. M/S/C- Holker, Gillespie

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Citizens For Big Stone Lake- Annual Meeting – August 15, 2020
UMRWD Regular Meeting – September 8, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
UMRWD Regular Meeting – October 13, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 2:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary