

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday June 2, 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. Representatives present via conference call from Houston Engineering were: Dennis McAlpine, Lisa Odens and Emmy Baskerville.

No members of the public were present during this meeting.

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

MINUTES – from May 12, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Gillespie seconded by Meyer to approve. Motion Carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration update was given by Doschadis and Houston Engineering. Doschadis sent postcards to all landowners that we'll be doing a utility locate in the right of way in June. Depending on restrictions we will look to have a meeting with project landowners only in August/ September 2020 and a public informational meeting in late 2020.
2. Toelle Coulee
Construction Equipment could be seen on sight starting May 18th and should continue to progress through July.
3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel Cleanout will begin after Gladen Construction finishes the Toelle Coulee Project.
4. Beardsley Dry Lake project is currently on hold, Representative Backer should know by June 12th if the project was awarded state funding.
5. Kleindl Wetland Bank update was given by Houston Engineering. We are waiting on sign placement before we can move forward with full certification.
6. Marsh Lake final inspection with agencies will be held on June 3rd. There will be a public ribbon cutting scheduled at a later date, pending COVID19 restrictions.
7. Shible/Hegbert Drainage- Doschadis has not heard back after last email. Will continue to follow this.
8. WRAPS Grant with MPCA will end June 30, 2020. Doschadis will submit all necessary documentation and will schedule future public meetings when able.
9. Browns Valley Maintenance Fund
The Board discussed the need to create a fund for future maintenance and repairs on the Browns Valley Flood Reduction Projects. A motion was made by Haugen seconded by Gillespie to seek legal advice from Rinke Noonan on this matter. Motion Carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Budget Proposal was presented by Doschadis. Board reviewed and will finalize at the July Meeting.
2. Big Stone County Board Manager opening was discussed. Gillespie will notify Big Stone County of his interest to remain on the Board.
3. Upcoming Staff Medical Leave will begin June 3, 2020 through July 31, 2020, with plans to return part time for the month of August, 2020.

NEW PERMITS

48-20. Paul Strong- S ½ Ortonville 23. A motion to approve permit pending MNDOT approval was made by Holker seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 4-0

49-20. Paul Strong- W ½ Big Stone 6. A motion to approve permit pending downstream landowner was made by Meyer seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 4-0

50-20. Sandberg/ Chase- SE ¼ Prior 35. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Haugen seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 4-0

18-20. Terry Gillespie- Request to Revise Permit. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Meyer seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 3-0 with Gillespie abstaining

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

51-20. Scott Naseth- West Browns Valley 23- Lake Property

PERMITS PENDING

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

20-19. Mike Vangness- 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

04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28

06-20. Mark Botker- NW ¼ Almond 22. Request to submit revised permit was reviewed. A motion to approve permit pending downstream signature was made by Haugen seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 4-0

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. Released- Signatures Obtained.

12-20. Terry Dybdahl- NW ¼ Malta 22. Released- Signatures Obtained.

13-20. Doug Adelman- S ½ of SW ¼ Big Stone 7, N ½ of NE ¼ BS 18. Released- Signatures Obtained.

19-20. Todd Dybdahl- SW ¼ Malta 22. Released- Signatures Obtained.

27-20. Bruce Moberg- N ½ of NE ¼ Malta 30

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – July 14, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
UMRWD Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting – August 11, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
UMRWD Regular Meeting – September 8, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amber Doschadis, Administrator

Gene Meyer, Secretary