

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday May 12, 2020 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present via conference call were: Holker, 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 April 14, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie to approve minutes and disbursements. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Big Stone Section 4 Basins. Doschadis presented an aerial photo of the area and explained how both landlocked basins are not overtopping. Doschadis will meet with landowners to provide coordination.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration updated was given by Doschadis. Will continue to contact landowners via letters and postcards during COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Toelle Coulee construction timeline was presented by Doschadis. Contractor plans to begin work on May 18, 2020 with a goal of completing the project by July 3, 2020.
3. Browns Valley Diversion Channel Clean-out will begin Mid-July
4. Beardsley Dry Lake. All landowners along the system have been contacted regarding 2020 growing season.
5. Kleindl Wetland Bank.  
Discussion took place on a state-wide letter from BWSR regarding their interest in purchasing 9 credits from an Area 9 wetland bank. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Bork to reply to their request with a purchase price of \$40,000 per acre. This would leave 26 credits in the UMRWD Wetland Bank after certification is complete. Motion Carried 5-0.
6. Marsh Lake Agreement to transfer funds between COE and UMRWD was discussed. A motion to enter into this agreement was made by Meyer, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 5-0.
7. Shible/Hegbert Drainage letter was discussed. Doschadis and Meyer will be involved in future meetings to work out drainage matters between the two townships and area landowners.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dam Operations Agreement with Big Stone County was presented. A motion to enter into this agreement to cover upcoming staff leave was made by Haugen, seconded by Holker. Motion Carried 5-0.
2. Authorization for Automatic Payments. A motion was made by Bork, seconded by Meyer to approve automatic payments for the City of Ortonville Electric Bill and Staff Payrolls.
3. Notice to Change next UMRWD meeting to June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be posted in Norther Star and Independent.

NEW PERMITS

37-20. Todd Sandberg- SE ¼ Prior 36. A motion to approve permit pending downstream landowner signature was made by Holker, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

38-20. Ryan Gronholz- SW ¼ Akron 14. A motion to approve permit pending downstream landowner signature was made by Meyer, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0

44-20. Todd Dybdahl- NW ¼ Malta 27. A motion to approve permit as submitted was made by Holker, seconded by Bork. Motion Carried 5-0

46-20. Prior Township- NW ¼ Prior 13. A motion to approve permit pending county approval was made by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0

47-20. Todd Sandberg- NE ¼ Prior 35. A motion to approve permit pending downstream landowner signature was made by Bork, seconded by Haugen. Motion Carried 5-0

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

39-20. Doug Gronholz- Hegbert 32- Repair and Replace Existing Tile

40-20. Paul Radermacher- SE ¼ Big Stone 28. Ditch Cleanout

41-20. Chris Conrad- Ortonville 8. Shoreline Project

42-20. Tony Menden- Foster 29. Shoreline Project

43-20. Lance Lindeman- Foster 35. Shoreline Project

03-19. Iver Kellen- NW ¼ Malta 20. Permit Extension

45-20. Mike Wulff- Malta 3. Replace Existing Tile

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PERMITS PENDING

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

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

04-20. Almond Township- S ½ Almond 28

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06-20. Mark Botker- NW ¼ Almond 22. Will review revised permit at June Meeting.

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. A motion to approve the revised permit pending township signature was made by Holker, seconded by Gillespie.

Motion Carried 5-0

19-20. Todd Dybdahl- SW ¼ Malta 22

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

28-20. Bruce Moberg- S ½ of SE ¼ Malta 30

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

UMRWD Regular Meeting – June 2, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Holker adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary