

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday April 9, 2019 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Toelle, Holker, Haugen, Gillespie and Meyer. Staff members present were Radermacher and Doschadis.

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

VISITORS:

1. Landowners and concerned parties attended the meeting to discuss Drainage in Sections 1 and 2 of Prior Township. David Botker, James Stotesbery Sr., Marty Stotesbery, James Stotesbery Jr., Lee Sigler, Steve Grimes, Darwin Karsky and Todd Larson spoke with the board on drainage in the area. The area was brought up on GIS and everyone in attendance was able to view the area and discuss the way water flows on their property. Testimonies were given on how much water flows into the basin on Stotesbery's land in Prior 2 and the possibility that flow through out of this basin may have significantly decreased in the past few years. At this time, comments were also voiced on US Fish and Wildlife buying easement on properties and then drainage problems arising years later. It was decided that landowners should attend a Big Stone County Board of Commissioners Meeting to inform them of their USFWS Easement concerns. The board would continue to hold David Botker's permit # 7-19 until more information can be gathered on the area and to explore a possible outlet for water downstream.

David Botker, James Stotesbery Sr., Marty Stotesbery, James Stotesbery Jr., Lee Sigler and Steve Grimes left the meeting at 1:45 pm

2. Wayne Lehne from Hegbert Township attended to discuss his concerns on the Lubenow WPA in Shible Township that is affecting roads in Hegbert Township. Lehne reported that the tile at its outlet is currently under 15 inches of water, the board suggested he speak with Hegbert Township on the option of raising their township road as this has been a long standing issue in the area. Radermacher also added that he should coordinate with Swift county and FEMA on the matter.

Wayne Lehne left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Swenson Lake update was given by Administrator and downstream impacts were discussed with Larson and Karsky from Big Stone County Highway Department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Highway 12 Project- Concerns of the rising size of the basin with spring runoff were discussed as well as options to make improvements to the project in the future to avoid cat tail build up at the tile inlet. Staff will work with the Highway Department this Spring/Summer.

2. Beardsley- Dry Lake Control Structure was discussed with Karsky and Larson. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Toelle to remove the crank from the structure and store it at the Beardsley County Shop. All in favor 5, against 0.

Todd Larson and Darwin Karsky left the meeting at 2:15pm.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 12, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Haugen, seconded by Gillespie. Motion carried. All in favor: 5, against: 0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Whetstone River Restoration
 - a. Agreement/Response from Paul Strong/Hedge Family update was given.
 - b. Waste Management and Disposal Strategy letter to MPCA was submitted and a response is expected by the end of April.
2. Toelle Coulee
 - a. Easement progress was discussed. Staff will continue to make contact with all landowners.
 - b. MN DOT cost share on Highway 28 was discussed. Radermacher will meet with MN DOT on April 18th. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Toelle to authorize Holker to sign the final agreement once the district office receives it.
3. Steve Grimes Wetland – Protected Waters Basin 246-W, NW ¼ Sec. 1 Prior Twp update was given.
4. Browns Valley Diversion and Fish Passage Concern update was given. Staff will file all correspondence on the matter. At this time no further work will continue on the district's end as the area was determined to be outside of the reservation boundary according to USA COE.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

3. 2019 Lake Level Update was given by Doschadis.
4. Technician Update was given. A motion was made by Toelle, seconded by Meyer to approve the hiring of Dylan Hiepler at a salary rate of \$39,500. Hiepler is able to begin work May 17th.
5. Employee Handbook Update. A discussion on employee benefits took place at this time. A motion was made by Haugen, seconded by Meyer to revise the health insurance benefit portion of the handbook to provide full time staff with a monthly cafeteria contribution of \$800.00. Doschadis will make necessary changes and present to the board for final approval at the May 14th meeting.

NEW PERMITS

1. Baby Blue Farms - #13-19 (SE ¼, NE ¼ Sec 29 Malta) Motion to approve the permit as submitted, pending receipt of downstream landowner signature was made by Holker, seconded by Toelle. All in favor 5, against 0.
2. Eugene Tesch - #14-19 (E ½, SE ¼ Sec 27 Foster) Permit will be held until tile plans are submitted.
3. Eugene Tesch - #15-19 (NW ¼ Sec 35 Foster) Permit will be held until tile plans are submitted.
4. Evan Holker - #16-19 (S ½ Sec 33 Big Stone) Motion to approve the permit as submitted, pending receipt of downstream landowner signature was made by Toelle, seconded by Meyer. All in favor 4, against 0 with Holker abstaining.

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

1. City of Ortonville- #12-19 (SE 1/4, NW ¼ Sec. 4 Ortonville Twp.) Emergency Permit to pump water from golf course into holding pond on adjacent city property.
2. Ronald Schmidt - #34-17 (Akron Sec. 11, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 29, 30, Ditch Cleanout Renewal)

PERMITS PENDING

1. Shible Twp. - #9-18(SE ¼, SE ¼ Sec. 3 Shible Twp.)
2. Steve Mitlyng - #20-18(75855 Sunset View, Sec. 18 Big Stone Twp.)
3. Bruce Moberg - #22-18(SW ¼ Sec. 27 Almond Twp.)
4. Paul Volkenant - #31-18(NW ¼, SW ¼ Sec. 9 Odessa Twp.)
5. David Botker - #36-18(SW ¼ Sec. 1 Prior)
6. Koosman Farms - #37-18(S ½ Sec. 13 Akron Twp.)

7. Todd Sandberg - #50-18(NE ¼ Sec. 36 Prior Twp.)
8. Gary Haugen - #54-18(NW ¼ Sec. 25 Almond Twp.)
9. Kyle Gillespie -#55-18(NW ¼ Sec. 32 Malta Twp.)
10. Kevin Gloege - #60-18(NE ¼ Sec. 22 Odessa Twp.)
11. Greg Thompson - #67-18(N ½, SE ¼ Sec. 17 Otrey Twp.)
12. David Botker - #7-19 (SE ¼ Sec. 1 Prior)
13. Paul Strong - #8-19 (NE ¼ Sec. 4 Otrey)
14. Randy Nessman #9-19 (SE ¼ Sec. 24 Prior)
15. ASF Inc. #10-19 (E ½ Sec. 23 Big Stone)
16. ASF Inc. #11-19 (SE ¼ Sec. 2 Otrey)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. UMRWD Regular Meeting – May 14, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

April 2019 Disbursements

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CenBank Administrative				
04/01/2019	8191	Payroll 7	Payroll Expenses	-3,151.56
04/01/2019	8195	First National Bank	-SPLIT-	-664.52
04/01/2019	8196	Ricoh USA, Inc.	Copier Lease	-90.58
04/01/2019	8197	NCPERS	Insurance	-16.00
04/01/2019	8198	LMCIT	Insurance	-2,438.00
04/02/2019		Midcontinent	-SPLIT-	-145.97
04/05/2019		CBSA	-SPLIT-	-111.93
04/09/2019	8193	Terry Gillespie	Managers - Compensation	-90.14
04/09/2019		PERA	Payroll Expense - ER PERA	-609.28
04/09/2019	8194	Gene R Meyer	Managers - Compensation	-94.78
04/09/2019	8199	Gary Haugen	Managers - Compensation	-83.76
04/09/2019	8200	Wanda Holker	Managers - Compensation	-228.67
04/09/2019	8201	Robert Toelle	Managers - Compensation	-338.29
04/09/2019	8202	Ortonville Independent	Managers - Expenses	-127.00
04/09/2019	8203	Rinke Noonan Lac qui Parle Yellowbank Watershed	Legal Fees	-486.00
04/09/2019	8204	Distri	WRAPS	-1,020.00
04/16/2019	8205	Payroll 8	Payroll Expenses	-3,284.48
04/16/2019		PERA	Payroll Expense - ER PERA	-635.51
04/16/2019	8207	Verizon Wireless	Phone	-72.79
04/16/2019	8208	Kjohlaug Environmental Services	Kleindl Wetland	-93.75
04/16/2019	8209	Dianne Radermacher	Equipment Maint/Mileage	-201.84
04/18/2019		IRS	Payroll Expense	-2,109.70
04/22/2019		Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN	Insurance	-416.06
04/22/2019		Cenbank	Misc. Expense	-2.50
04/30/2019		Midcontinent	-SPLIT-	-143.16
04/30/2019			Interest	5.69
Total CenBank Administrative				16,650.58
CenBank BV Mitigation Project				
04/02/2019		UMV Regional Development Commission	Browns Valley Flood Mitigation	2,047.00
04/02/2019		UMV Regional Development Commission	Browns Valley Flood Mitigation	4,820.00

04/02/2019	238	Houston Engineering	Browns Valley Flood Mitigation	-6,708.50
04/02/2019	239	Rinke Noonan	Browns Valley Flood Mitigation	-786.00
04/30/2019			Interest	<u>7.05</u>
Total CenBank BV Mitigation Project				-620.45

Cenbank Certificate

Total Cenbank Certificate

CenBank Municipal Savings

04/05/2019			Interest	12.40
04/30/2019			Interest	<u>0.08</u>
Total CenBank Municipal Savings				12.48

Minnwest Bank Maintenance Fund

04/01/2019	2559	Ridgeview Excavating, Inc.	Debris Removal	-1,000.00
04/01/2019	2560	VOID	void	
04/09/2019	2561	City of Ortonville	Electric	-71.64
04/16/2019	2562	Dianne Radermacher	Equipment Maint/Mileage	-314.94
04/16/2019	2563	Silver Springs, LLC	Debris Removal	<u>15,361.85</u>
Total Minnwest Bank Maintenance Fund				16,748.43

Holker adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amber Doschadis, Coordinator

Gene Meyer, Secretary