

Pursuant to notice and due call a regular meeting of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board was held Tuesday November 10, 2020 at the district office at 211 Second Street SE in Ortonville, MN. Board members present were: Holker, Haugen, Bork and Gillespie while Meyer attended via phone call. Staff member present was Administrator, Amber Doschadis.

Holker called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

#### CORRESPONDENCES

Cen Bank Representative Tabitha Doubleday was present from 1:00 to 1:10 pm to update UMRWD Bank Signature cards.

MINUTES and DISBURSEMENTS- October 13, 2020 minutes and monthly disbursements were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Bork, seconded by Gillespie. Motion Carried 5-0.

Browns Valley Memo. John Kolb of Rinke Noonan attended via phone call from 1:30 to 2:00 pm to discuss options for funding future maintenance costs on Browns Valley Flood Hazard Mitigation Projects. Kolb will have a memo prepared by the District's December meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Stone Lake/ Minnesota River. Doschadis give a presentation on the historic MN River Channelization Project and an update on how the project is no longer functioning as it was originally designed. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Bork to send a letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers asking for guidance as the project was originally implemented by the Corps. Motion Carried 5-0.
2. Whetstone River Restoration. Recent site visits and survey data were discussed. Doschadis reports that the project planning phases are moving along on schedule.
3. Beardsley Dry Lake. Letters were sent to landowners on November 6, 2020. Doschadis has had one call regarding the 2021 assessment for expenses to date.
4. Ravine on Stevens Ave. Haugen reported that he visited with the landowners and they have not heard anything from the City of Ortonville.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Big Stone Lake- Whetstone River, Dam Operations were discussed. A motion was made by Gillespie, seconded by Haugen to use the month of October to reach the winter pool elevation of 967 project datum by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Motion Carried 5-0.
2. MAWD Annual Meeting Packet was disbursed. Bork and Holker plan to attend.
3. MAWD Annual Meeting Delegates. A motion was made to vote on MAWD Resolution according to the suggestions from the MAWD Resolutions committee. Motion Carried 5-0. Holker and Bork will serve as Delegates with Haugen as alternate.
4. Veterans Day. A motion was made by Gillespie seconded by Bork to allow staff to observe Veteran's Day on the Friday immediately following the holiday. Motion Carried 5-0.
5. 2020 Employee Evaluation Forms were disbursed. Managers will complete and return to the December Meeting.

NEW PERMITS

- 99-20. Bradley Cardwell- SW ¼ Prior 26. Approve- M/S/C Haugen, Bork
- 100-20. Bradley Cardwell- NW ¼ Big Stone 18. Approve- M/S/C Holker, Haugen
- 101-20. Greg Thompson- NE ¼ Otrej 26. Approve- M/S/C Bork, Gillespie
- 104-20. Tim Danielson- SW ¼ Otrej 12. Approve- M/S/C Gillespie, Bork

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED

- 73-10. Wanda Holker- S ½ Prior 30. Ditch Maintenance
- 102-20. Gerald and Peggy Heck. Shoreline Maintenance
- 103-20. Charlie Maanum- S ½ Browns Valley East 27. Ditch Maintenance

PERMITS PENDING

- 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 Otrej 16
  - 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
  - 90-20. Glen Radermacher- NE ¼ of SW ¼ Otrej 1
  - 97-20. Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District- SW ¼ of NE ¼ Big Stone 13
- Doschadis presented additional information on the proposed permit. Gillespie is going to reach out to Big Stone County. Gillespie asked that Doschadis look into added the District to the future easement with Glenn Berdan for access to the structure.
- 101-20. Randy Rolfmeier- N ½ of SE ¼ L Akron 4- Release. Signature Obtained
  - 102-20. Darwin Karsky- E ½ of NW ¼ Almond 19- Release. Signature Obtained

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAWD Annual Meeting- December 1-4, 2020
- UMRWD Regular Meeting – December 8, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Holker adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Amber Doschadis, Administrator

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Gene Meyer, Secretary