



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Agenda Item

Item 7. A. – Public Hearing regarding the State of the Minnesota River

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Summary

President Barisonzi has requested that the LMRWD hold a Public Hearing to discuss the State of the Minnesota River, the impact that artificial drainage has on the river and if there is any recourse available to reduce the downstream impacts that are becoming more and more frequent. In discussing this with President Barisonzi, his intent was to work with policy makers from impacted communities; counties, municipalities and others to plan a public hearing to take testimony and develop an agreed upon course of action.

The Public Hearing could be scheduled for October, giving time to publicize the Hearing. The LMRWD could use the River Tour in September as a kick-off to the Public Hearing. The Board may wish to consider using VoCouer, Inc. to help organize and publicize the Public Hearing. President Barisonzi has had initial discussion with partners on this item and can update other Board members at the meeting.

The Board may want to appoint Managers to assist in the planning of the Public Hearing.

Attachments

No attachments

Recommended Action

Motion to approve holding a Public Hearing on the State of the MN River and authorize staff to schedule and plan for Public Hearing.