



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Agenda Item

Item 6. A. - Dredge Management

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Summary

i. **Review process for funding of dredge placement site management**

John Kolb will be at the meeting to guide Managers through the next steps in this process. Please see the memorandum from Attorney John Kolb that is attached.

ii. **Vernon Avenue Dredge Material Management site**

Rachel Contracting has sent a final check for material removed from the site in 2017. The total amount of material removed was 38,475 cubic yards. I have asked Rachel to survey the site as required by the agreement. Staff is preparing a report for the city of Savage.

It was reported at the Upper Mississippi Waterway Association monthly meeting that the Corps of Engineers is discussing paying tipping fees to the city of Wabasha to place dredge material on its property. The representative from the Corps was informed that the LMRWD and the St. Paul Port Authority would be in favor of that as long as we were also paid tipping fees to take dredge material. I have asked the Corps of Engineers to keep me updated of talks with Wabasha.

We have received a scope of work and cost estimate for Barr Engineering to conduct a no-rise evaluation for the storage of dredge material on the site. The document is attached. Discussions staff has had with cities have brought up issues of the model that was prepared by the DNR, Corps and LMRWD in 2004 and how that model is being maintained. Staff will be investigating whether or not that model is being updated as new development occur within the District. Staff will report back to the Board as soon as we find out whether or not the model is being updated. It is important to update the model, so that cumulative impacts can be considered.

iii. **Private Dredge Material Placement**

No new information since last update.

Attachments

Memorandum from Attorney John Kolb

Scope of work and cost estimate from Barr Engineering

Recommended Action

Motion to authorize execution of Scope of work with Barr

Provide direction to staff regarding funding of dredge operations