



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday March 20, 2019

Agenda Item

Item 6. A. Dredge Management

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Summary

i. Funding for dredge material management

A bill, HF2432, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives Cantrell and Albright. It had its first reading and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

On March 14th, Senators Frentz, Pratt and Hall introduced a companion bill (SF2497) in the Senate. It was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee. A copy of both bills are attached

ii. Vernon Avenue Dredge Material Management site

Staff has continued to work on the improvements to the Vernon Avenue dredge material management site. The Hydrology and Hydraulic report (H & H) is showing a slight rise to the flood stage, so the engineers working on this are manipulating the model to see if there is a way to eliminate the rise.

We have provided the Threatened and Endangered Species Evaluation, the Wetland Delineation and the Design Concept Plan to the City of Savage and will set up a meeting with them once the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and the H & H, to discuss permitting of the improvement project. Reports are being posted to the [LMRWD website](#) as they become available.

Staff has discussed timing of the construction project and will plan to begin construction in September 2019, assuming all the permits can be obtained.

iii. Private Dredge Material Placement

River Terminal Operators have been updated on the work the LMRWD in planning for the Vernon Avenue site. Private dredge material must be removed from the site in order for construction to occur, so the District will have to work with the Terminal Operators and the City to make sure the site is ready for construction in September.

Attachments

HF2432

SF2497

Recommended Action

No action is recommended

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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2432

03/13/2019 Authored by Cantrell and Albright
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(SENATE AUTHORS: HALL, Pratt and Frentz)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
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