



## UMWA July Meeting Minutes

Thu, Jul 16, 2020 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

In attendance:

1. Executive Board: n/a
  2. Staff: Amy Beckham
  3. Members: Dan Cottrell USACE, Chuck Dillerud, Linda Loomis LMRWD, Shari Corney, Patrick Phenow MNDOT, Tom Streight, Paul Rohde, Mark Wegner TW RR, Kevin Cook CCI, Tamera Cameron USACE, Paul Freeman, Greg Genz
  4. Visitors:
2. Minutes – none, no quorum in June.
  3. Chairman’s Report - none
  4. Executive Director Report – none
  5. Agency Report
    1. WCI - Paul Rohde: new CEU, Tracy Zee has been promoted to permanent CEI, former director of Government Affairs. Water resources development committee voted yesterday HR7575 favorably voted out of committee expecting good floor time before recess. Includes 65/35 funding for the NES program, the house version has a 7 year sunset. Anything started in that timeframe would have that cost split. The senate version has 75/25. Inland Waterways user board is meeting Wednesday virtually, he will send over link for those that want to participate. 7.63 billion dollar civil works package passed this week, above the presidents package but below what was budgeted. Hopefully these funds will be included in the corps fy 21 workplan. Please advocate for this with your senators. Full details on the wci website.
    2. USACE – Daniel Cottrell – will send over in writing.
    3. LMRWD – Linda Loomis – 2021 budget reviewed, called a public hearing to adopt and certify preliminary levees at august bod meeting. Recommending to not increase levee of 725K. they are considering whether they want to reduce that. Still looking to start dredge site project in September.
    4. MNDOT – Patrick Phenow – bonding ways bill in house still has 14 million, close to 30x the closest amount they’ve ever received. Not a given at this time.
  6. Upcoming meetings – survey results. 17 response. 7 interested in late afternoon get together, 4 not interested, 6 possibly interested. One suggestion for the red river kitchen at city house, and one suggestion for the red wing marine museum. Question re September banquet, split decision between delaying into October or cancelling altogether. 1 suggestion to have a golf tournament instead. They take a lot of planning. Overwhelming majority want another year end get together. Other suggestions: not a lot we can do different this year given the situation with Covid 19. Depends on the current situation. One person would like to see more green environment info at the monthly meetings. This is interesting, who can provide this information? – from Mark at the Railroad. How much fuel does it take to move a certain amount of freight a specific distance, compared to other modes of transport. Alternate fuel methods as well, hybrid,

tier 4 diesel which reduces emissions, all electric, which is difficult without charging stations along the river. Future meeting – publicize ahead of time so we get more engagement. Encourage everyone to come armed with how they are working to adopt interact greener standards and reduce emissions. Talk to Paul and Chuck for help with phrasing.

7. Adjourned at 1:25 p.m.