



## UMWA January Meeting

Thu, January 21, 2021 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

Called to Order at 12:34 p.m.

1. In attendance:
  1. Board: Zach Pontzer, Kathryn Sarnecki,
  2. Staff: Amy Beckham
  3. Members: Mike Wilson, Patrick Phenow, Ava Kenney, Chuck Dillerud, Jay McDaniels, Tom Streight, Dan Cottrell, Jeremy Putman, Mark Binsfeld, Mark Caspers, Greg Genz, Mike Wilson, Linda Loomis, Ben Doane, Paul Freeman
  4. Visitors: John Sautter
2. Chairman's Report - none
3. Executive Director Report - none
4. Agency Report
  1. USACE – Daniel Cottrell – presented and sent to Amy, posted online
  2. SPPA – Kathryn Sarnecki / Ava Kenney – port development grant awarded in Dec., putting together next list of requests for bonding measures. Last bonding measure was over 30 mil. Ava will be new point person for the SPPA and provided a brief update on the following projects: BP1 fender replacement, out of Aggregate Industries, completed late Nov 2020. South Port tieback project should be completed Jan '21. BP2 blockwall should begin in 2023. BP1 barge receiving facility has air permitting issues that are industry wide for aggregate, working with the Governor's office on that. SouthPort project should open for bids later this spring. Viking Cruise is wanting to make port in St Paul, an agreement has been reached for docking for the 2022-23 season. A long-term agreement is in process, which would be for a 20 yr term. Port has a 2.5 million dollar investment in Lambert Landing being undertaken.
  3. LMRWD – Linda Loomis reported – they are looking at some proposals to stabilize an area of the riverbank approx. 1500 ft near Eden Prairie that is sloughing off sediment into the river. Tomorrow is the deadline to receive those RFP's. They are receiving funding for the project as they go along, having just secured the first 100K for it. City of Carver just received 150K to improve the levee around the city. The levee currently does not meet ACOE and FEMA standards, they too are receiving funding as they go along.
  4. MNDoT – Patrick Phenow – question from Greg about how to shift the valuation of product on the river from tonnage to a different way of valuing product. There are a variety of products now shipping with a variety of values, tonnage is a dated method of valuation and does not reflect a cross section of the different products being shipped. Patrick mentioned that he had started looking into that 7 yrs ago. National Waterways Foundation has a two pager – economic impact of inland waterways – Amy to locate and post on the website.

MNDoT did receive the completed port development applications, they expect to score them and announce the recipients at months end. Betty Collins office is working on a water quality bill (MS River Restoration and Resilience Initiative) that is lacking on input from outreach. Pat is looking for folks who may have been reached about it. The new bill seems to duplicate efforts that have been ongoing, specifically to water quality on the river. Greg has a copy of this and will send to Amy for distribution to the group.

John Sautter joined us, he is with Diesel Outboard Solutions. Wanting to learn more about the organization.

5. Adjourn