



## UMWA November Meeting Minutes

Thu, November 18, 2021 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

### Call to Order

1. In attendance: Linda SPPA, Dan Cottrell, Vince Reuter, Matt Stokes, Jace Whitcomb, Mike Wilson, Patrick Phenow, Paul Freeman, Greg Genz, Chris Atkins – Deputy Chief of St Paul District USACE, David Johnson SPPA, George Hoene SPPA, Bill Judd, Zac Morris, Linda Loomis, Doug Hosszu

Staff: Amy Beckham

Agency Reports presented by:

- USACE – Daniel Cottrell – season is winding down. Dredging is now demobilized. 11/28 – 3/17 lock closure dates. Written report to follow.
- LMRWD – Linda Loomis – just approved a section of trail along the river in Dakota Cty. This is the Eagan segment going from Lone Oak Road to Cedar Ave. A permit for the bridge over the Union Pacific RR track is still needed. Authorization was received 11/17 to begin discussion with the legislature about a bluff restoration project where the storm water pond is at the river bend. The MPCA ordered the placement of the pond, so they are working to get that area fixed.
- MNDoT – Patrick Phenow – no changes or updates this month. Question from Genz re: impact of the new infrastructure funding, will some of that money go to projects this year? Patrick is not aware of any mechanism in place to fund the MN Port Program with those dollars.
- Paul Rohde – WCI the 60-day (likely less) sprint's on for the Corps to get their workplan out. If you're inclined, you can help by getting your members to reach out to the Corps in support of NESP in their Infrastructure workplan. You can either fwd the Action Alert or send your own: Targets are

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Also there's a bicameral dear colleague letter afoot, should be launching this week. Your help w/getting signatures is appreciated!

Upcoming elections – committee comprised of Scott Dohmen, Greg Genz, and Rick Voigt will be talking with members in the upcoming weeks and will put together the slate of candidates.

Red Rock Road Project presentation presented by David Johnson and George Hoene from the St Paul Port Authority. Amy to ask for this PPT to provide to all members.

New business? Issue in IA about a tow hitting the RR tracks, fault TBD. There will be some ramifications yet to be known.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.