



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Agenda Item

Item 8. A. – Dredge Management

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

Sale of Dredge Material - At the September 20, 2023, Board of Managers meeting, the Board authorized the sale of the dredge material from the MN River to maintain the 9-foot Channel. M & J Trucking has agreed to purchase 54,889 cubic yards of material at a price of \$2/cubic yard. M & J Trucking has been invoiced and I am in the process of getting a purchase agreement.

Dredging at the mouth of the River – The LMRWD has not received an invoice for the cost to transport dredge material from the mouth of the river to the dredge placement site at River Mile Post 14.2.

Private Dredge Material Placement – LS Marine provided the quantity of private dredge material placed on the Vernon Avenue dredge placement site in 2023. The notice of quantities provided by LS Marine is attached for the Board's information. Invoices have been sent to Cargill, CHS and Savage Riverport.

The public comment period for permit renewals for dredging of the private terminals closed January 4, 2023. Licensees had some questions regarding the LMRWD's management of the Vernon Avenue dredge placement site, which were answered and the LMRWD has not received any additional communications.

Vernon Avenue Rehabilitation and Culvert Replacement Project – Activity on the Vernon Avenue Improvements will likely resume now that Hannah LeClaire has returned from Maternity leave.

Attachments

Excerpt from September 20, 2023, meeting minutes authorizing sale of dredge material
Dredge Quantity Summary

Recommended Action

No action recommended

placement site in Savage than to develop a second placement site closer to where the dredging takes place.

The USACE said the agreement between the LMRWD and the USACE agreeing to transport material from the mouth of the river up to the LMRWD placement site in Savage must be amended. The Agreement is currently with USACE Division for approval.

President Hartmann made a motion to authorize payment to the USACE for transport of material dredged at the mouth of the Minnesota River to the LMRWD placement site at RMP 14.2 and to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the USACE and the LMRWD, subject to review and approval of said amendment by LMRWD legal counsel. Manager Amundson seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

ii. Sale of Dredge Material

Administrator Loomis introduced this item and shared that LS Marine has someone interested in purchasing the stockpile of dredge material on the dredge site. She noted that she is waiting for a purchase agreement for this.

Manager Kuplic made a motion to authorize the sale of dredge material subject to the receipt of a purchase agreement subject to review and approval of said agreement by LMRWD legal counsel.

iii. Private Dredge Material Placement

Administrator Loomis introduced and provided an update on this item. She stated that she heard from the Savage Riverport and received a check from them. She noted that she also heard from CHS who ordered a check and which should be received by the end of the week. She added that both Savage Riverport and CHS have provided certificates of insurance, as well as renewed performance bonds. She said she had not heard from Cargill.

iv. Vernon Avenue reconstruction and culvert replacement project

Manager Amundson noted that a different cross section for the roadway was being requested by the City of Savage. Manager Amundson wondered if the request was sufficient for the purpose of hauling material off the site. Ms. Young said yes. Ms. LeClaire explained that this was discussed with Bolton & Menk and it was determined that the roadway could be reduced to allow for a shoulder and that that is the width of the current roadway. She stated that they also reached out to LS Marine to confirm this.

E. Watershed Management Plan

No new information to report since the last update.

F. 2023 Legislative Action

No new information to report since the last update.

G. Education and Outreach Plan

Administrator Loomis introduced and provided background on this item. She shared that they are looking to purchase the Copyright agreement for the illustrations that were developed for the sign for Courthouse Lake. She added that they are also looking to authorize design, fabrication and install of this sign as well as the ten resource protection signs at Ike's Creek.

President Hartmann made a motion to authorize execution of the Transfer of Copyright Agreement and authorize payment of the invoice for the Transfer of Copyright, authorize design, fabrication and installation of the Courthouse Lake interpretive sign, and authorize



December 28, 2023

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**RE: Placement of Private Dredge Material
Cargill East River Placement Site, MN-14.2 RMP**

Mrs. Loomis:

LS Marine, Inc. was contracted by Cargill, CHS and Riverland Agg to conduct dredging of their private slips on the Minnesota River in Savage in 2023. As per the agreements between these entities and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, the dredge materials were placed on the Cargill East River Placement Site (MN-14.2 RMP) for dewatering prior to removal and final placement of the material.

The following is a summary of material placed on the property for each private slip:

Cargill West	8,942 CY
CHS	5,565 CY
Riverland Agg	3,037 CY

Placement of material was completed on September 28th and as agreed, all material placed onsite will be required to be removed from the site for final placement prior to September 28, 2024.

We will update you on the progress of the removals as they proceed.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you again for working with Cargill, CHS, Riverland Agg and LS Marine to allow use of your placement site for the benefit of our companies, the Port of Savage and the Minnesota and Mississippi River System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Luke', is written over a horizontal line.

Taylor Luke
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