



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday June 19, 2019

Agenda Item

Item 6. A. - Minnesota River Congress Request

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Summary

The Minnesota River Congress brought a request for funding to the Board at the April Board meeting. The Board tabled the request to the June meeting. The Minnesota River Congress held its semi-annual meeting May 16th in St. Peter. It was very well attended. Scott Sparlin's plan is to have legislators introduce legislation during the next legislative session that would include money to restore wetland in the upper Minnesota River Basin. He has two legislators that have agreed to author the legislation, however, they are both DFL legislators.

After attending the MN River Congress, I would recommend that the LMRWD not commit to funding at this time. The Board should wait until a work plan is put together and other partners are found. I would recommend that the Board authorize the Administrator to continue working with the MN River Congress. I would also add that upland water storage is not the answer to issues in the Minnesota River. There will need to be a variety of approaches to address the issues; upland storage, improve soil health and manage drain tile systems.

Attachments

No attachments

Recommended Action

No Action recommended