



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. C. - Dredge Management

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Summary

i. Funding for dredge material management

The Legislature approved funding to the LMRWD in the amount of \$480,000 for the next biennium - \$240,000 each year. Staff will be putting together a work plan for the funds to submit to the Board of Water and Soil Resource and getting the grant agreement executed.

ii. Vernon Avenue Dredge Material Management site

The level of the Minnesota River finally dropped below flood stage on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:00pm. Staff will continue to evaluate the situation at the dredge site to determine whether or not the improvements to the site can be constructed this.

An Engineers Estimate of Probable Cost for improvements to the dredge site (bringing the containment berm up to industry standards) is attached. Included in the estimate are estimated costs for replacement of the culvert under the access road and upgrades to Vernon Avenue. Cost estimates are:

• Dredge Site Berms	\$1,552,430.00
• Culvert Replacement	\$59,840.00
• Vernon Avenue Upgrade	77,990.00

The CUP amendment was scheduled to come before the Savage Planning Commission on June 20th. However, there will not be a quorum at the meeting, so the item will be moved to the next meeting, which is July 18 (because of the 4th of July Holiday). The Amendment will then go on to the City Council.

A recent [newsletter from the Upper Mississippi River Waterway Association](#) has several good articles about the impact of flooding of the Mississippi River system.

iii. Private Dredge Material Placement

Material was being removed from the site as high water allowed. Stacking of material to dry is being tested. Early results indicate that stacking will decrease the drying time significantly.

Attachments

Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost

Recommended Action

No recommended Action

