

# **Executive Summary for Action**

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday June 19, 2019

### **Agenda Item**

Item 4. E. - Letter thanking Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

#### **Prepared By**

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## Summary

On May 29, 2019, the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) held field safety training for its staff and summer interns. The LMRWD was invited to participate in the training and all of the interns working on the LMRWD geomorphic assessment of trout streams attended.

LMRWD staff thought it would be appropriate for the LMRWD Board to send a letter to the RPBCWD Board thanking them for sharing the training with the LMRWD. A draft letter is attached for Board approval and execution.

#### **Attachments**

Draft letter tanking RPBCWD

## **Recommended Action**

Motion to approve letter and authorize execution



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Board of Manager Riley, Purgatory, Bluff Creek Watershed District 18681 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317

Dear Board of Managers,

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) would like to thank the Riley/ Purgatory/Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) Board of Managers and its staff. The LMRWD recently kicked-off a project with a group of interns that will be working this summer to conduct a geomorphic assessment of the trout streams located within the LMRWD. The interns needed to partake in safety training in order to be safe in the field while conducting the assessments.

The LMRWD asked Dr. Claire Bleser what process the RPBCWD uses to train staff and interns for field work. We were very excited when Dr. Bleser suggested that the LMRWD and RPBCWD hold a joint training session at the RPBCWD offices. Field safety training was held May 29th and conducted by RPBCWD staff. LMRWD administrative and technical consultants observed the training, in addition to Professor Joe Magner of Watershed Recovery, LLC and the University of Minnesota. Josh Maxwell and Zach Dickhausen did a very thorough job.

This was a great opportunity for our watersheds to work together to conserve resource: it provided a real life work setting for the LMRWD interns and it helped Josh and Zach with skill development in providing training to a larger group.

The LMRWD greatly appreciates the relationship it has with its partner RPBCWD.

Sincerely

Jesse Hartmann
President
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District