



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Agenda Item

Item 7. B. - City of Carver Levee

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Summary

Mayor Johnson from the City of Carver has reached out to Manager Salvato. Staff is planning to set up a meeting with Mayor Johnson, Brent Mareck, Carver City Manager, Manager Salvato, Della Young and me, to discuss how to proceed with this project.

In 2015, the LMRWD was contacted by Stantec Engineering on behalf of the City regarding a bank failure of the Minnesota River in Riverplace Park. At that time the LMRWD planned to contribute \$50,000 to repair and stabilize the river bank. The City did not pursue participation with the LMRWD, so the funding was reallocated to a project on Bluff Creek that was a partnership with Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD). That project was never completed, because RPBCWD was unable to obtain easements necessary to complete the project and lost a Clean Water Fund Grant was critical to completion of the project. RPBCWD is no longer pursuing that project. That funding could be allocated to the Carver Levee.

The justifications the City of Carver gave to the LMRWD as reasons for its participation did not mention the sediment contribution that would be made to the Minnesota River if the current levee should fail. A large portion of this levee is composed of riprap and appears to have had previous failures. Staff believes we need to talk to the City about past failures and also the need for a no-rise evaluation.

Mayor Johnson, indicated that this project is a long term project and that actual construction is years out. The City appears to have some sense of urgency with this project and LMRWD staff would like to know what is driving that. LMRWD staff has talked about the District contributing funds to this project over a period of time. The City has asked for a contribution in the range of \$100,000, which could be funded over several years at \$25,000 per year. If the LMRWD used the \$50,000 that was planned to contribute to Carver in 2015 (for the river bank repair), an additional \$25,000 over 2 years would add up to the \$100,000.

Attachments

None

Recommended Action

No action recommended