



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Agenda Item

Item 6. C. _ City of Carver Levee

Prepared By

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Summary

The LMRWD met with the City of Carver on September 14, 2020 to discuss a partnership to construct improvements to the City's levee. The City has requested state funding under the Flood Damage Reduction Grant Assistance Program to assist with easement acquisition and design. The City has requested \$100,000 from the LMRWD. The LMRWD has determined improvements to the levee benefits the District. Levee improvement will meet USACE and FEMA standards.

The City agreed to update its Local Water Management Plan and its other planning documents to include the levee improvement project and they will conduct a no-rise evaluation and any other investigation that may be required. The LMRWD agreed to update its Watershed Management Plan to include the project and adopt a resolution of support. Staff recommends that a Memorandum of Understanding be adopted between the City and the LMRWD and will begin work on that.

More information on the project can be found on the [City's website](#).

The LMRWD is working with the City on other issues: approval of a municipal permit for the City, restoration of active stream erosion along Spring Creek, and addressing erosion of gullies within the City.

Attachments

Resolution 20-10 Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project (currently under review by legal counsel)

Recommended Action

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-10 Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project

RESOLUTION 20-10

RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project

_____ offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by _____:

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of Carver, Minnesota (City) lies within the boundaries of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD); and

WHEREAS, the City's downtown is protected by an earthen levee constructed following the 1965 flood of record; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced repeated flooding (22 events in the past 10 years) and it is expected that flood events will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the levee was removed from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Safety Program, and is currently non-accredited on the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood Insurance maps; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City informed the LMRWD of its plans to bring the City's levee up to USACE and FEMA standards and has developed several studies to identify alternatives to protect historic structures in downtown Carver and asked the LMRWD for assistance to fund the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City estimates the cost to improve the Levee at \$11,180,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LMRWD Board of Managers has determined that the Levee Improvement Project benefits the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board intends to support the Project with funding \$100,000 to assist the City in making these improvements; and

FURTHER, the Board supports efforts of the City to seek additional grants for the Levee Improvement Project; and

FURTHER, the City agrees to amend its plans (Local Water Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Comprehensive Plan and any other planning document) and will prepare a no-rise study of the proposed levee improvements; and

FURTHER, the LMRWD will update its Watershed Management Plan and Capital Improvement Program to include the Levee Improvement Project.

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 21st day of October, 2020.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were __ yeas and __ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
FREY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HARTMANN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RABY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution adopted.

Jesse Hartmann, President

ATTEST:

David Raby, Secretary/Treasurer

I, David Raby, Secretary/Treasurer of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above Resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of March 2020.

David Raby, Secretary/Treasurer