



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Agenda Item

Item 6. B. - City of Carver Levee

Prepared By

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Summary

On June 24, 2021, the City of Carver held a stakeholder meeting for its Levee Improvement Project. Manager and Raby and I both joined the virtual meeting. A second meeting is scheduled for 3:00 pm, Thursday, August 12, 2021. The majority of the discussion focused on meeting the requirements of different agencies that must permit the project. Notes from the meeting are attached.

Attachments

Stakeholder meeting #1 - minutes

Recommended Action

No action recommended - information only



Carver Levee



Stakeholder Meeting #1 - Minutes

June 24, 2021 | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Introductions – Attendees:

Suzanne Jiwani (DNR)

Eric Mruz (USACE)

Linda Loomis (LMRWD)

David Raby (LMRWD)

Jeff Weiss (DNR – Floodplain Mapping)

Ceil Strauss (DNR – Floodplain Regulatory)

Craig Jenson (Scott County – Transportation Planning Manager)

Georgina Stanley (SRF – Scott County Regional Trail Project Manager)

Marty Walsh (Carver County – Parks and Recreation)

Deb Paige (Carver County – Emergency Management)

Erin Smith (City of Carver - Community Development Director)

Chad Shell (City of Carver - Public Services Director)

Todd Hubmer (Bolton & Menk – Levee Project Manager)

Roberta Cronquist (Bolton & Menk Water Resources Engineer)

Aaron Schmidt (Bolton & Menk – City of Carver Assistant City Engineer)

Nicole Krause (Bolton & Menk – Levee Project Communications Specialist)

2. City Levee Presentation – Intro to Project Scope/Schedule. Primary project goals include levee repairs, FEMA certification, and reissuance into USACE voluntary program.

3. Carver County Comments

- a. MN river bluffs regional trail system on levee.
- b. Carver Regional Rail Authority – Trail and Levee use agreement will need to be executed.
- c. Spring Creek Bridge – has bridge been included in bonding? Not at this time.
- d. Design preference for trail is 10 foot width with 2 foot clear zones. Bicycle facilities design guidelines will need to be reviewed including in-slope grade requirements vs fencing. A fence would not be desirable with potential flooding.
- e. Inquired about project phasing – TBD at this time.
- f. Memorandum of understanding to be amended with City of Carver for the authority to manage the levee.

4. Scott County Comments

- a. Preliminary alignment alternatives were shared at the meeting. Three potential options were shared. Alignments to be provided.
 - b. Phase 1 archaeological survey and EAW being completed. Wetland delineations also completed. This information to be shared.
 - c. No federal funding anticipated for the trail project at this time.
 - d. Final design is anticipated to start by the end of year. Need to coordinate before design is established.
 - e. Will need to coordinate on several final design elements. For example, need to incorporate abutment design into levee design.
5. DNR Coordination
- a. Had question regarding storage increase and no rise condition. How does levee play into the model?
 - b. Submit as one combined project when submitting LOMR. Work with Salam at DNR. To be reviewed as one project even if phased.
 - c. Ok to have existing bridge in existing model and say removal is part of the project.
 - d. SMS model to be provided by DNR.
 - e. DNR permits-Taylor Hyder
6. USACE Discussion
- a. Initial eligibility inspection. Since levee was in program before, should be straight forward. Over the shoulder design review can be completed. Send to Eric.
7. Other Discussion Items
- a. LMRWD –would like copies of wetland delineation report.
8. Schedule and Time for Next Meeting
- a. August 12, 2021 at 3 PM