



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Agenda Item

Item 7. B. - City of Carver Levee

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Summary

The City of Carver held the second stakeholder for this project on Thursday, August 12, 2021. The majority of the meeting was spent talking about the trail crossing the river and how and where that will tie into the Levee. Scott County is leading this project and has not yet been able to pull Carver County into the conversation about the trail. Wetland delineation for the trail project is complete and the design of the bridge has been settled. The County will form a Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) to evaluate the wetland delineation. The LMRWD requested that the County make sure the LMRWD is invited to the TEP. The County will need to undertake a Phase 1 archeological evaluation. There are indications of culturally sensitive areas in two locations. The County does not have a funding package for the trail yet and is looking to construction the project in two phases. Phase 1 would be done in 2026 and phase 2 in anticipated for 2030/2031. The County is looking to get federal funding and wants to request funding from Carver County. If funding sources are found the project would be accelerated.

For the Levee project: The wetland delineation has been complete and a TEP will be asked to evaluate the delineation. The existing levee has been surveyed and deficiencies have been noted. The City will next be looking at stormwater management with respect to the levee and seepage rates. The City has met with Congressman Tom Emmer to discuss federal funding for the levee. The LMRWD requested to be included in the TEP.

The LMRWD reminded both the County and the City that the LMRWD will want to no-rise evaluation, even if they DNR is okay with the project. The LMRWD also suggested that both project consider whether or not an Environmental Assessment Worksheet or an Environmental Impact Statement will be needed.

The next meeting of the stakeholder group will be sometime in October.

Attachments

[Levee Survey Results](#)

Recommended Action

No action recommended