



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Agenda Item

Item 7. A. – Reset date for June 19, 2024, Regular meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers

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Summary

The June 19, 2024, regular meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers falls on a federal holiday - Juneteenth. Legal Counsel has advised that the Board should reset the date of the meeting. Managers should bring their calendars to find a date to hold a rescheduled meeting. It is recommended that the date be rescheduled to the day after the regular meeting date – June 20, 2024.

Legal Counsel advised as follows:

Statutes section 645.44 defines the following holidays for government bodies:

"Holiday" includes New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther King's Birthday, the third Monday in January; Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday, the third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; Juneteenth, June 19; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Indigenous Peoples Day, the second Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25; provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Juneteenth, June 19; or Independence Day, July 4; or Veterans Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Sunday, the following day shall be a holiday and, provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Juneteenth, June 19; or Independence Day, July 4; or Veterans Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Saturday, the preceding day shall be a holiday.

The statute goes on further to say:

No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon. However, for the executive branch of the state of Minnesota, "holiday" also includes the Friday after Thanksgiving but does not include Indigenous Peoples Day. Other branches of state government and political subdivisions shall have the option of determining whether Indigenous Peoples Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving shall be holidays. Where it is determined that Indigenous Peoples Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted thereon.

The meeting date will have to be changed. The Board should consider adopting a revised meeting schedule at the next meeting to make the change. If the revised schedule is adopted at a regular meeting, there will be no need to provide any special notice of the change in meeting date for June.

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Attachments

No attachments

Recommended Action

Motion to reset date of June 19, 2024, Board of Managers meeting