



Meeting Highlights – June 16, 2020

- 1. Regular Meeting Held Electronically:** The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) held the June 16, 2020 meeting via electronic means in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §13D.021, subdivision 1.
- 2. Re-opening Plan Approved:** The RRWMB Managers approved a plan to re-open the RRWMB office in accordance with current State of Minnesota requirements and guidelines. The RRWMB may potentially hold in-person board meetings and will account for current conditions and social distancing measurements will be implemented. Should the July 2020 RRWMB meeting be held in person, outside attendance will likely be limited to ensure that social distancing occurs according to the reopening plan. In this case, the RRWMB will also utilize electronic means for partners and stakeholders to attend the meeting electronically.
- 3. 2019 Financial Audit:** The 2019 audit was presented by staff to the RRWMB Managers. The Managers approved the 2019 audit and the document will be shared with its member watershed districts and will be placed on the RRWMB website.
- 4. STar Value Discussion:** Information was presented to the RRWMB Managers about the STar Value and associated calculation worksheet. The Managers discussed historic trends, current conditions, and future projections related to funds allocated by the RRWMB towards Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) projects of its member watershed districts. Additional discussion will be held at the July 2020 RRWMB regular meeting.
- 5. Governing Documents Update:** Staff indicated that the Governing Documents Committee had recently reconvened to continue discussion on several proposed changes to the Governing Documents. The Managers were updated regarding potential changes to the RRWMB Governing Documents and held brief discussion about next steps and future committee meetings.
- 6. Funding Prior to Step III:** The Managers held discussion related to potentially allocating funds to its member watershed districts earlier in the project development process for FDR projects. The Managers determined that this action would likely result in changes to the current funding processes and procedures used by the RRWMB. Staff were directed to work with legal counsel to address this issue and to bring more information to the July 2020 RRWMB regular meeting.
- 7. Funding Allocations:** Step II submittals for the Whitney Lake Sub-watershed Retention Site A Project and the City of Newfolden Flood Prevention Project were approved by the Managers.
- 8. Water Quality Program Base Funding:** The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District was approved for up to \$100,000 in base funding to address local water quality concerns through the RRWMB Water Quality Program.
- 9. Next RRWMB Meeting:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM.