



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2021

Attendance: Board: Buysse, Dritz, Briggs, Kamrath, Volstad

Staff: Overholser, Timm

Public: Gary Crowley, Gary Laleman, Jeff Van Keulen, Dawn Van Keulen, Curt Buysse, Kevin Anderson, David Buysse, Steve Laleman, Bruce Van Keulen, Fred Rabaey

Call to Order

- 1.1 Set Agenda – **Volstad moved to approved the agenda. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2 April Regular Meeting Minutes - **Kamrath moved to approved the minutes. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3 Treasurer's Report – Overholser gave the report. **Volstad moved to approved the report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Permits to Approve

- 2.1 Van Keulen – Eidsvold 13
The impacted landowners attended the meeting and stated that they would remove their objections to the project if the tile and outlet were sized by a professional that is acceptable to all impacted landowners, and installed by a professional tiler. **This permit is tabled while the landowners work meeting these conditions.**
- 2.2 Fred Rabaey – Eidsvold 15, 21 & 22
There have been concerns brought to the board by the downstream landowners. **The board would like to see an engineer's report that clearly defines the potential impact on peak flows and the duration of flow.**

Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Public Comment - None
- 3.2 Manager Reports – Dritz gave an update on MAWD Board
- 3.3 Administrator's Report – Overholser gave an update on the Audit, WRAPs, and daily business activities
- 3.4 Tech Report – Timm gave an update on permits and WRAPs

Old Business

- 4.1 Ag Impact Mitigation – Tabled

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New Business

- 5.1 Hearing for Blazing Star 2 – Will have a hearing at the next Board Meeting
- 5.2 MAWD Dues FYI – Overholser gave an update to the board about the status of other watershed district choosing to not belong to MAWD
- 5.3 Nature Conservancy Proposal – The NCP is looking for partners in a federal grant. They would like to know if the YM 1W1P could assist in matching funds and some in kind administrative assistance. There is a tight deadline for getting the grant proposal act on behalf of the District in regards to this grant.

Briggs moved to approved Overholser’s request. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1 Dybsetter Farms – Wergeland 44 - \$20,931.48
- 6.2 Keith Regnier – Nordland 33 2019— Cancel Contract
- 6.3 John Dorn – Shaokatan 7, 2019-004 – Cancel Contract
- 6.4 Dybsetter Farms – Alta Vista 29, 2019-008 – Cancel Contract

YM1WIP Payments

- 6.5 None

Briggs moved to approve the contract and cancel the other 3 contracts. Kamrath seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

Regular Meeting July 19th 9:00 a.m.

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