



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2021

Attendance: Board: Buysse, Olsen, Briggs, Volstad, Kamrath
Staff: Overholser, Timm
Public: Gary Crowley, Gary Laleman, Trent Bruce, Riley Rinehart, Jeff Vankeulen, Daman Javens, Brenton Johnson, Kyle Boe, Dave Planting

Call to Order

- 1.1 Set Agenda – **Volstad moved to approved the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2 Officers – After discussion it was decided that Kamrath will move to President, Briggs to Vice President and Olsen will take the office of Public Relations. Officers will be revisited at the January meeting. **Buysse moved to make the above change to the officers. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3 Aug Regular Meeting Minutes – **Volstad moved to approved the minutes. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.4 Treasurer's Report – Overholser gave the report. **Volstad moved to approved the report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Permits to Approve

- 2.1 None

Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Public Comment - None
- 3.2 Manager Reports - None
- 3.3 Administrator's Report - Overholser gave an update on the Audit, WRAPs, and daily business activities and reported on the outcome at the DNR/Landowner meeting regarding Burton Lake.
- 3.4 Tech Report - Timm gave an update on permits and WRAPs

Old Business

- 4.1 Rabaey project – The District sent out a letter with the engineer report to affected landowners and asked if they still have concerns to contact the office before the meeting. The office was never contacted. It is recommended to approve the permit. – **Buysse moved to approve the permit. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4.2 Unpermitted work on Cottonwood Golf Course – The golf course made a complaint that unpermitted work was preformed on their property. It is their position that the easement does not grant permission for the new 30" tile that was put in. There is also concern that the land has not been restored. There is a question to whether this project falls with in the .5 drainage coefficient. The renter was contacted and he did submit and after-the-fact permit application for the work that was completed.
Buysse moved to assign an after-the-fact fee of \$750.00. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Briggs moved to deny the permit since there is question as to if the project falls under the drainage coefficient and if there is any legal right to install the project.

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- 4.3 Blazing Star Tile Repair Plan – FYI – Excel Submitted the plan with the boards proposed changes.
- 4.4 Blazing Star Substation After-The-Fact permit – Excel still has not resolved the landowner issues with the substation. They have submitted the after-the-fact permit application but the application is not complete since the landowner has not signed nor have they completed the land purchase. **Buyse moved to set a \$750 after-the-fact permit fee. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4.5 2019/2020 Audit – Auditors submitted the 2019 and the 2020 Audits, no major issues were identified. **Buyse moved to accept the audit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- 5.1 After-the-Fact Permit – Vlaminck Limestone 2
Buyse moved to set a \$250 after-the-fact permit fee. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5.2 November Meeting – Overholser would like to move the November meeting, she plans on being on vacation. It was tentatively set for November 23rd. It will be revisited at the October meeting.
- 5.3 City of Minneota Rip-Rap project – Minneota is asking for costshare assistance in a rip-rap grade stabilization project along the river. **Briggs moved to costshare in the amount of \$5000. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.4 JD 29 Public Hearing – FYI there is a public hearing on Tuesday 9/21. This would affect WD 8. Overholser plans to attend and will have more information at the October meeting.

YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1 Don Gorecki – Limestone 1 - \$23,962.00
- 6.2 James Vanderostyne – Alta Vista 17 - \$5409.00
Briggs moved to approve the contracts. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

YM1W1P Payments

- 6.3 Dillon 2020-018 – Alta Vista 9 – 412 - \$8,292.00
- 6.4 Dybsetter 2020-019 – Alta Vista 4 – 412 - \$ 998.00
Volstad moved to approve the payments. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

- Regular Meeting October 18th 9:00 a.m.
- Expense Reports October 11th I need the last two quarters from everyone

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