



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse at 9:00 a.m. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (YMRWD) Office at 122 North Jefferson Street in Minneota, MN.

Managers present: President Tim Buysse
Secretary John Boulton
Treasurer Tim Dritz
Public Relations and Information Officer James Kraus (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

Managers absent: Vice President Jeff Hoffman

Others present: Administrator Emily Javens
Lyon County Commissioner Rodney Stensrud

Approval of the Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes

M/S/P to approve the agenda:

Motion by: John Boulton
Second by: Tim Dritz
Passed: 3-0

M/S/P to approve the June 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes:

Motion by: Tim Dritz
Second by: John Boulton
Passed: 3-0

Treasurer's Report

Javens presented the following reports:

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| • June 30, 2016 Balance Sheet | Total liabilities and equity = \$257,286.12 |
| • June 14 – July 11, 2016 Profit & Loss Report | Net Income = \$111,680.09 (if warrants are paid) |
| • Expenses by Vendor Summary for June 1-13 | Total warrants = \$13,018.25 |
| • June 13, 2016 Ditch Balance Report | Total balance = \$54,428.05 (if warrants are paid) |

M/S/P to approve the treasurer's report and pay the warrants:

Motion by: John Boulton
Second by: Tim Dritz
Passed: 3-0



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Warrants to be paid:	Aracely Leos	July office cleaning	\$30.00
	Bolton & Menk	Ditch 39 engineering	\$3358.50
	CenturyTel	Phone / internet	\$145.60
	Denny's Backhoe	Beaver dam removal	\$150.00
	Harold DeSmet	Beaver bounty	\$30.00
	Jacob Hoffman	Beaver bounties	\$120.00
	Jeff Davis	Cost share on small dam project	\$2,500.00
	Jim Wambeke	Office rent	\$500.00
	John Engels	Legal services	\$1,204.90
	Lucas Moose	Cost share on small dam repair	\$2,500.00
	Minneota Mascot	2-year newspaper subscription	\$80.00
	MN Unemployment	Unemployment benefits	\$1,324.00
	Netpoint	Website	\$17.90
	RESPEC	Organization development grant	\$721.25
	Rinke Noonan	Attorney Fees (Lincoln CD 39)	\$244.00
	<u>Western Print Group</u>	<u>Ditch right-of-way decals</u>	<u>\$92.10</u>
		TOTAL =	\$13,018.25

Manager Kraus arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Old Business – Duane Amundson Permit Request

At the June 2016 meeting, a permit application was presented to the board from Duane Amundson to add subsurface drainage to his land in Royal Township Section 36. The drainage system would outlet into his neighbor's tile line (John Jerzak) before entering the MN Highway 19 right-of-way. The Board requested more information in regards to whether a permit from the road authority (MN Department of Transportation, MnDOT) would be needed and whether or not the downstream neighbor remained opposed to the project.

Administrator Javens provided information that was gathered in the past month. (1) MnDOT could not find an approved permit for the Jerzak tile outlet that Amundson would like to use. (2) MnDOT will not grant a permit for a new outlet without a signature from the downstream neighbor (Dan Lasnetski) and a review by the Attorney General's office. (3) Lasnetski is opposed to the project and has stated he believes the change in drainage would increase the water flowing across his property to a level that is not reasonable.

Given the inability to gain a permitted outlet and the opposition of the downstream landowner, the Board denied the permit. They did, however, grant the applicant the right to clean out the waterway on his parcel to its original grade.

M/S/P to approve the clean-out of the waterway, but deny tiling of the parcel.

Motion by: Tim Dritz
Second by: John Boulton
Passed: 4-0



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New Business – Permit Applications

Javens presented three applications for drainage permits. Two requests met the guidelines of the WD Rules and did not include concerns from downstream neighbors, and were therefore approved with no conditions.

One application (Darwyn Bach – Omro 29) had potential impacts to downstream neighbors and the board wanted to have the applicant get signatures of the downstream landowners prior to granting approval. Once the signatures are submitted to the YMRWD, the permit will be approved.

M/S/P to approve the drainage permit applications listed below, with the conditions listed (if any):

Motion by: John Boulton

Second by: James Kraus

Passed: 4-0

June 2016 Approved Permits:

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Conditions</u>
2016-07-01	Lyon	Dave Kremer	Wetland Restoration	Vallers 3	No conditions
2016-07-02	Yellow Med	Darwyn Bach	Tiling	Omro 29	Downstream landowner signatures
2016-07-03	Lyon	Lyon County	County Ditch 37 Lateral B	Nordland 1 Grandview 6	No conditions

Public Comment

Public comment was called for by Buysse and no one wished to address the board.

Administrator’s Report

Javens updated the board on the past month’s activities in a verbal, as well as a written report (available in the board packet). Javens also provided information on an upcoming public hearing for a gravel mining operation in Limestone Township.

Manager Reports

Dritz reported on a few highlights from the MAWD Summer Tour, as well as a 4-mile canoe trip he took down the Yellow Medicine River. There were a significant number of downed trees leading to erosion of the banks. He also reported there is a petition in his area for formation of a lake association for Lake Shaokatan.

Boulton reported on the ongoing activities of Area II River Basin Projects meeting he attended.

During the open discussion, the Board elected to set a date for the 2017 budget hearing, as well as the annual Advisory Committee meeting. Both meetings are usually held the third week in August in Taunton. The Advisory Committee meeting will start at 6 p.m. and the budget hearing will be held at 7 p.m. An evening meal will be served as well.



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M/S/P to set the 2017 budget hearing and annual advisory committee meeting for August 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Taunton.

Motion by: James Kraus
Second by: John Boulton
Passed: 4-0

Adjournment

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Tim Dritz
Second by: John Boulton
Passed: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned by Buysse at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Boulton

8/8/16

Secretary John Boulton

Date

Minutes prepared by Javens

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District is August 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the district office.