



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017

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
Vice President James Kraus
Treasurer Tim Dritz
Secretary John Boulton
- Managers absent: Public Relations Manager Doug Gregoire
- Others present: Emily Javens, YMRWD Administrator
Kerry Netzke, Area 2 MN River Basin Projects
Scott Simmons, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Tanner Bruse, Pheasants Forever
Andrew Baskin, Ag Solver
Frank Engels

Approval of the Agenda

Bolton moved to approve the agenda with no changes. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Dritz moved to approve the minutes. Bolton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

Javens presented the following reports:

- Balance Sheet
 - Profit and Loss Report
 - Warrants to be Paid
 - Ditch Balance Report
- Total liabilities and equity = \$207,246.18
Net Income = \$17,735.25
Total warrants = \$59,063.24
Total net income = \$48,692.26

Outstanding warrants to be paid include:

- Bankcard Center
 - Bolton and Menk
 - Centurytel
 - Jeff Jerzak
 - Jim Wambeke
 - Lyon County GIS
 - One Office Solution
 - Patrick Jerzak
- Credit Card = \$458.40
Ditch 38 Engineering = \$1,170.00
Phone and Internet = \$116.39
Return of Ditch 38 Bond = \$10,000.00
Rent = \$500.00
Website Mapping Updates = \$50.00
Office Copier = \$5,495.00
Return of Ditch 38 Bond = \$10,000.00



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- Randy Hauschild
- Richard Hauschild
- Rinke Noonan
- Rite Way Drainage
- Smith Partners

Return of Ditch 38 Bond = \$10,000.00
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Ditch 38 Legal Services = \$958.50
Ditch 4 Repairs = \$9,617.66
Legal Services = \$697.29

Dritz moved to pay the warrants and file the treasurer's report. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business – MN Public Drainage Manual

Dritz will attend the May 25th session in New Ulm.

Old Business – Nordland 6 Road Retention Project

Netzke presented new findings on the Nordland 6 Road Retention project previously approved on March 15, 2017 by the board for \$10,000 in cost-share funding. The approval was contingent on Area 2 taking advantage of an opportunity to downsize the downstream culvert and providing even more rate control benefits. After the funding was approved, the engineer updated the design calculations with updated rainfall data (100-year rainfall event increased from 5.8" to 6.5") and determined the Nordland 6 culvert would need to be larger than originally designed which made downsizing the downstream culvert infeasible. Since the original motion was no longer appropriate, Netzke asked to revise their decision.

Dritz moved to approve \$10,000 in funding for the Nordland 6 road retention project without the condition of downsizing the downstream culvert. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Ag Solver Pilot Program

Andrew Baskin presented an opportunity to join as a partner in a pilot program with Pheasants Forever and the McKnight Foundation to offer the Ag Solver software program at no cost to agricultural producers in the area. The program allows producers to analyze the return on investments made when implementing various combinations of conservation and other land use management practices. The Board would like to present the opportunity to the advisory committee for feedback and gage interest.

New Business – Permit Requests

Three permit applications were presented to the board for consideration. The first permit request was for a grade stabilization structure that would temporarily impound water on private land in Nordland Township, section 20. The project was designed by Area 2 MN River Basin Projects, Inc. and will provide 10.6 ac-ft of storage during a 100-year storm event.

Dritz moved to approve the Nordland 20 grade stabilization permit. Kraus seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The second permit request was for tiling in Lake Stay Township section 3. The outlet of the system drains immediately to a national wildlife refuge. Scott Simmons, Refuge Manager spoke in opposition to the project citing increased nutrient loads from tile water versus surface runoff. Frank Engels described several practices he currently uses to minimize the transport of excess nutrients through his tile lines.



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Dritz moved to approve the Lake Stay 3 tiling permit with the condition that best management practices, as defined in a nutrient management plan, continue to be implemented on the land to minimize the transport of excess nutrients to the refuge. Bolton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The third permit was an after-the-fact permit for Fagen Farms in Sandnes Township section 12. The board would like to see a controlled drainage structure be added to the system, but was unsure whether they could make it a condition of an after the fact permit.

Dritz moved to table the decision until legal guidance could be received. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Lincoln County Ditch 39 Order for Public Hearing

Dritz moved to order the final public hearing for Lincoln County Ditch 39 for June 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Watershed District office. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – MN Association of Watershed District Updates

Javens presented meeting details for the 2017 Summer Meeting and Tour, as well as proposed by-laws changes.

Public Comment, Reports, and Adjournment

Javens provided a written and verbal update of the past month's activities.

At 11:15 a.m. Dritz moved to adjourn the meeting. Kraus seconded. Motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Boulton

Secretary John Boulton

6/12/2017

Date

Minutes prepared by Javens

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 12, 2017 at the District Office.