Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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
Public Relations Manager Doug Gregoire

Others present: Emily Javens, YMRWD Administrator
Michelle Overholser, NEW YMRWD Administrator
Brooke Buysse, Yellow Medicine SWCD/Watershed
Gary Crowley, Lyon County Commissioner (9:15am)
Gary Laleman, Lyon SWCD Board
Kerry Netzke, Area 2 Executive Director (9:07am)

Approval of the Agenda
Dritz moved to approve the agenda with no changes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (November 13, 2017)
Boulton moved to approve the minutes. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes (November 20, 2017)
Dritz moved to approve the minutes. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer’s Report
Javens presented the following reports:
- Balance Sheet
  Total Liabilities and Equity = $195,119.47
- Profit and Loss Report
  Net Income = $-19,382.63
- Warrants to be Paid
  Total Warrants = 10,800.52
- Ditch Balance Report
  Total net Income = $-3,178.00

Outstanding warrants to be paid include:
- Bankcard Center
  Credit Card = $364.42
- Bolton & Menk, Inc.
  Ditch 38 & 39 Engineering Services = $4,169.00
- Century Tel
  Phone and Internet = $116.87
- Jim Wambke
  Rent = $500.00
- Lincoln, SWCD
  Sept. 1-Nov.30= $1,823.85
- One Office Solution
  Copier Charges = $36.38
- Richard Holmberg, Ltd.
- US Postal Service
  2016 Financial Audit= $3,720.00
  PO Box 267, Minnesota MN 56264 = $70.00

Boulton moved to pay the warrants and file the treasurer’s report. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
Old Business –
No Old Business

New Business – Request for Permit: WD-16 Ditch Bank Leveling (Gregoire)
Doug Gregoire is requesting to level the banks of WD-16. Originally the ditch banks were uneven and caused flooding. Discussion was held on making sure the ditch spoils are not to be placed on wetlands.

Dritz moved to approve the permit. Kraus seconded. Gregoire abstained. Motion passes 4-0.

New Business – Request for Permit: JD-7 Cross Connection (Oftedahl)
Oftedahl is requesting to install a new 15” tile line and outlet to JD-7. Board discussed the site, the sizing of the existing tile lines, and if the previous system installed was permitting or not. Concern came up of how future maintenance would be handled with upstream landowners. Board is waiting on legal counsel from Kurt Deter before more discussion can be held.

Gregoire moved to table the discussion until legal information has been provided. Boulton seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Other Business – Future Events
January 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting-YMRWD in Minneota
February 15 All Day Drainage & Wetland Conference
March 7 &8 All Day MAWD Legislative Event

Public Comment, Reports, and Adjournment
Netzke provided a verbal update of Area 2: Looking to getting a Conservation Core apprentice for the summer of 2018. This individual’s primary responsibility will be surveying and inventorying the smaller dams in Area 2.
Dritz is also a MAWD board member and gave an update that MAWD Board chose administrators.
Javens provided a written and verbal update of the past month’s activities.

At 9:35 a.m. Dritz moved to adjourn the meeting. Kraus seconded. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary John Boulton

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Date

Minutes prepared by Brooke Buysse

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2018 at the District Office.