Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Tim Dritz 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 Dritz
                    Vice President John Boulton
                    Secretary Elmo Volstad
                    Treasurer Tim Buysse
                    Public Relations Bill Briggs

Others present:   Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
                    Mike Luke, YMRWD Project Assistant
                    Gary Lalemen

Set Agenda
Boulton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (February 11, 2019)
Minutes were reviewed and approved.
Volstad moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Treasurer’s Report
Overholser presented the following reports:

• Profit and Loss Report
  Net Income = $-12,274.30
• Warrants to be Paid
  Total Warrants = $11506.77

Outstanding warrants to be paid:
• Century Tel
  Phone/Internet=$128.04
• Rinke-Noonan
  Drainage Conference=$500.00
• Bankcard Center
  Credit Card=$10.74
• YM SWCD
  Personal Service=$934.56
• Lyon County GIS
  GeoMoose Hosting=$360.00
• Net Point
  Web Hosting=$8.95
• One Office Solution
  Copier & Paper=$4.98
• DNR
  Watercraft Registration=$15.50
• Jacob Hoffman
  Beaver Control=$120.00
• MNVA
  2019 Dues=$200.00
• Michelle Overholser
  Expense/legislative days=$1756.91
• Kory Boulton
  Beaver Control=$150.00
• Jim Wambeke
  Rent=$700.00
• Payroll
  Salaries/periderms=$5072.05
• Payroll Liabilities
  Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=$1608.40

Boulton moved to pay the warrants and approve the treasurer’s report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
Permits
RJL After-the-fact permit – Overholser had received a response and an application from the landowner to her letter sent out in February. She spoke to the family representative on the phone and he was going to send more information regarding the outlets to her. Overholser reported that she had not received the information requested, but her email did not seem to be working correctly that morning or over the weekend. It was decided to table the issue to see if the information comes in, once the District email is working again.

Public Comment, and Reports
Administrator, Program Assistant and Managers provided reports.

Old Business – SIK/Paluch
Kris Paluch attended the meeting to present his tiling permit. The downstream landowner did not want him to add more tile to his current system. Kris presented evidence that he paid for 70% of the tile line that currently outlets to Perch Lake. The area that he wants to add is completely contained on his land, but would use that existing line as an outlet. Based on Watershed Rules and the fact that Minnesota follows the “rule of reasonable use” with regard to diversion of surface water, the Board does not see any reason why this permit should be denied. It was demonstrated through modeling, that the area already naturally drains that direction.

Old Business – QuickBooks Clean Up
Overholser made general journal entries to zero out balances on classes that are no longer being used in QuickBooks. She presented a list of the adjustments made.
Buysse moved to approve the changes pending audit review. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business – Hoffman
Overholser presented the agreement drawn up by John Kolb to represent the District in the tiling dispute with Hoffman.
Buysse moved to accept the agreement. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – WRAPS II
Overholser reported that MPCA contacted her regarding WRAPS II. The Yellow Medicine River Wraps will start monitoring May of 2020. The MPCA has proposed some monitoring sites and is asking for input from the local LGUs regarding additional sites to consider. She will be working with them and the other LGUs to complete this request.

New Business – 2019 Insurance
The new policy’s for workmen’s comp and liability insurance we sent to us.
Buysse moved to keep the same coverage as last year. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
New Business – Cost-share Policy
It was recommended by the YM1W1P that the district increase the amount of tile to outlet a basin project to 3000 feet in their cost-share policy. This change will enable some larger projects to be approved without waiting for EQIP dollars to be approved and available.
Buysse moved to make the recommended change. Volstad seconded. Passed 4-0.

New Business – Regional MAWD meetings
There has been some discussion on if the greater Minnesota Watershed districts would be interested in having regional meetings similar to what Metro MAWD does. The board would be interested in possibly attending a regional meeting if other Districts in the area feel it would be beneficial.

New Business – Equipment
There has been a lot of talk in other District and with other partners about utilizing drone technology. Overholser plans to get more information about what others are doing and see if this is something that would benefit our District. Overholser would also like to purchase new conference chairs.
Briggs moved to allow the purchase of 8 chairs. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Environmental Fair
The Area IV SWCDs host a environmental fair for 5th and 6th graders every year. They are asking for sponsors. It is a two-day event that usually reaches approximately 2000 area students.
Boulton moved to donate $250.00. Buysse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Business – Future Events
April Meeting  Monday April 8th  9:00 a.m.
Policy Committee Meeting  Monday April 8th  1:00 p.m.
Drainage Inspectors  Monday March 25th  Willmar

Adjournment
Buysse moved to adjourn the meeting. Volstad seconded. Motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elmo Volstad  4/8/19
Secretary Elmo Volstad  Date

Minutes prepared by Michelle Overholser

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2019 at the District Office.