



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by 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
Gary Crowley

Set Agenda

Boulton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (May 13, 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 = \$37,240.26
- Warrants Paid Total Expenses = \$11277.05

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel Phone/Internet=\$127.76
- One Office Solution Copier/Copies=\$40.82
- Bankcard Center Credit Card=\$1399.50
- Jim Wambeke Rent=\$700.00
- Payroll/PerDiems Salaries/periderms=\$6338.17
- Payroll Liabilities Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$1800.25
- Board and Staff Mileage/expenses=\$273.13

Buysse moved to pay the warrants and approve the treasurer's report. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Permits – Louis Claeys

Mr. Claeys applied for a permit to tile in Yellow Medicine County. This project would use a lift pump to outlet the tile at the fence line. After looking into some records, it was discovered that Mr. Claeys has an unpaid after-the-fact permit fee. According to district rules no individual with unpaid fees/fines are eligible to receive new permits until the matter has been resolved. It was also found that the parcel that would benefit from the drainage is not benefitted into Lincoln CD 8, which is where this water would go. Mr. Claeys would first need to petition into CD 8 before this project would be considered, even if the outstand fee was paid.

Buysse moved to deny the permit. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.



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Permits – David Loe

Mr. Loe is proposing to add more tile to an existing system. The existing system outlets into a private ditch that runs through the Cottonwood golf club. A letter was sent to give the Club informing them of the proposed project and offering a chance to voice any concerns. At the time of the meeting Overholser had not heard from them, but was concerned there may not have been sufficient time for them to answer.

Buyse moved to table the permit. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment, and Reports

No public comments or reports were given.

Michelle Overholser, Administrator, reported the following activities:

- Visited with Moore Engineering regarding GIS and Drone services, exploring drones will be something we will continue to look into.
- Permits are still coming in pretty steadily
- Site visits were conducted and included Hauschild dam, training for ditch inspections, flood concerns in Burton, looking at ditch 4 for repairs and a complaint about waterflow related to a wind tower.
- Working on the annual advisory meeting and 1W1P biannual summit
- The RJL after-the-fact permit was fee paid.
- Lake John haying rent was paid.

Mike Luke, Program Assistant reported that he has been working on permitting and assisted locating permit information for Hwy 68 project.

Managers had no additional activities to report.

Old Business – Hauschild Dam

Overholser has had multiple communications with the lawyer. He needs some more information before he gives us his official recommendation. Overholser will work on getting that to him over the next month.

Old Business – Ditch 4 Crossings

Overholser discovered in drainage law that any crossing, whether public or private, that was built during the original construction of the ditch system, is the responsibility of the drainage authority to maintain. Overholser will get cost estimates to fix the two crossings on WD 4.

New Business – Cloud Storage

Overholser would like to spend a one-time fee of \$350.00 for 2T of cloud storage. The cloud would be used for files employees need to share and for P.C. back up.

Buyse moved to approved the purchase. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Summer Tour

Overholser would like a final count for who is attending so she can cancel any of the unneeded registrations and hotel rooms. Dritz, Briggs, Boulton, Overholser, and Luke plan on attending.



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New Business – Biannual Summit/Annual Advisory Meeting

Overholser proposed hosting the Annual Advisory Meeting before the 1W1P Biannual Summit. The board would also change its board meeting time to the afternoon.

Volstad approved the proposed meeting times. Buysse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Harold Desmet Complaint

Mr. Desmet came into the office to complain that Mr. Laleman had obstructed part of his private ditch. Overholser did a site visit and confirmed that it looks as if someone pushed a pile of rocks into the ditch.

Buysse moved to send a letter requiring the immediate removal, the after-the-fact permit fee will be determined at the next meeting and be based on the actions to rectify the situation. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business – Ditch 1 Inspections

Luke plan on doing the WD 1 inspection this month. One of the suggestions was to flag all the outlets that need replacement. The flags will cost about \$4 a flag.

Buysse moved to approve the expense. Briggs seconded. Motion passes 4-0.

1W1P Cost-Share

Tony Traen – Eidsvold 19 – Contract

Boulton moved to approve contract. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Business – Future Events

Regular Meeting Monday July 8th 9:00 a.m.

Summer Tour June 26-28 Fargo/Moorhead Area

Adjournment

Dritz called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 July 8, 2019 at the District Office.