



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Meeting Minutes July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Laleman  
Ed Laleman  
David Loe  
Kerry Netzke  
Doug Gregoire  
Tony Buysse  
Cory Buysse  
Dennis Heggeseeth  
Kyle Boe

### Set Agenda

**Buysse moved to approve the agenda with addition of 2.2 Tony Buysse. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

**Volstad moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0**

### Treasurer's Report

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Profit and Loss Report
  - Balance for 1W1P
  - Ditch accounts balance
  - District Account Balance
- Net Income = \$67,608.19  
Total Expenses = \$29,290.18

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel
  - One Office Solution
  - Netpoint
  - Bankcard Center
  - Jim Wambeke
  - Payroll/PerDiems
  - Payroll Liabilities
  - Board and Staff
- Phone/Internet=\$127.76  
Copier/Copies=\$13.12  
Web hosting=\$8.95  
Credit Card=\$382.52  
Rent=\$700.00  
Salaries/periderms=\$6965.80  
Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$1842.34  
Mileage/expenses=\$655.91

**Buysse moved to approve the treasurer's report. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**



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## Permits – Tony Buysse

Mr. Buysse applied for a permit to tile in Yellow Medicine County (Eidsvold 17). Downstream landowner does not want to sign the application. Overholser proposed sending out a map of the project to all downstream landowners instructing them to contact the district if they have any concerns before the next meeting and then reopen the discussion at that time.

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

## Permits – Harold DeSmet

Harold is requesting to construct a berm along side of his field to prevent flooding. The board would like Harold to seek assistance through the SWCD or NRCS and see if there is some sort of designed conservation practice that could be done in this location. They do not feel that diking the field is the best option here.

**Buyse moved to deny the permit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Public Comment, and Reports

Tim Drietz reflects on summer tour, recapping the major projects in the area

Michelle Overholser, Administrator, reported the following activities:

- Wednesday July, 10<sup>th</sup> bus tour area where she and Netzke will be leading the conversation. Thursday July, 11<sup>th</sup> is a continuation of the event with workshops, including a 45-minute presentation on 1W1P implementation that Overholser will be giving.
- Permits are still coming in pretty steadily

Mike Luke, Program Assistant reported that he has been working on permitting, shadowed Area 2 specialists for dam inspections, and completed the ditch 1 inspection with the two ditch overseers (Jelen and Stienessen).

## Old Business – Laleman violation

A letter was sent to Ed Laleman instructing that the rocks blocking the private ditch must be removed. Mr. Laleman attended the meeting and stated that he had pushed the rocks into the ditch in order to get the Districts attention. He believes that the dam on Heggeseth land has been removed. Overholser stated that when she was out there to document the violation on Laleman's land, she also looked at the Heggeseth dam. Overholser reported that the water levels were high, but it did appear that the structure was still in place. Mr. Laleman is insistent that the structure was removed.

The Board addressed the fact that even if Heggeseth had removed the structure on his property, that does not give Laleman the right to violate district rules and to back up water on to an upstream landowner. If another individual violates District rules that is separate enforcement issue.

**Buyse moved to give Laleman until July 16<sup>th</sup> to have rock pile removed. Overholser will check for other alterations along the ditch. Boulton Seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Old Business – Ditch 4

Overholser received estimates on the two crossings that need repairs. The cost estimates are approximately \$4,000 and \$2,000.

**Buyse moved to repair the crossings. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**



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## Old Business – Biennial Summit/ Board Meeting/ Advisory

Schedule for next board meeting is tentatively set for 1pm on August 12<sup>th</sup>, with 1W1P biannual summit meeting set for 6pm the same day.

## Old Business – David Loe, Lucas 8

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 Club representative was present, and expressed concerns that the project would not benefit the courses, especially what is being proposed on the east side. No agreement was established.

**Buyse moved to table the permit while an agreement is trying to be reached. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Old Business – Ditch 1

Inspection was completed on Ditch 1. Overholser will be putting together a summary of the work needed and sending it out to area contractors for bids.

## New Business – Hydro seeding- Action

Kerry Netzke, Area 2 Exec. Director, gave a dam inspection summary report highlighting the following:

- Porter dam has a Russian olive that needs removed
- Lake John has a few trees needing removed, and ruts from spring traffic. Recommending a gravel truck to even out the road.
- Sonstegard has some leafy spurge in approximately 20 x 20 ft area.
- Hauschild dam has lost a significant amount of vegetation via surface water erosion. Different seeding options were discussed including hydro seeding

**Bolton moved to carry out investigation of other options that will be more cost effective and for Kerry and Michelle to consult and make the best decision. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – Resolutions- FYI and Discussion

If anyone has resolutions they feel we should submit we need to be working on them now and pass at the September meeting.

## New Business – 2019 Periderms- Discussion

As of July 1, 2019, the District could choose to raise their per diems to \$125.00.

## New Business – Expense reports and conference attendance- Discussion

Overholser gave reminder to turn in expense reports.

## New Business – Governance 101- September 12-13- Bloomington- Action

If anyone is interested in attending the training, please let Overholser know so she can get you registered.



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## 1W1P Cost-Share

None

## Other Business – Future Events

Regular Meeting	Monday August 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.
Drainage Workshop	July 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Marshall
1W1P	August 12 <sup>th</sup> 6 p.m

## Adjournment

**Dritz called the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary Elmo Volstad

Date

*Minutes prepared by Michael Luke*

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 12, 2019 at the District Office.**