



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Meeting Minutes August 12, 2019

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Dritz at 1:00 p.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  
Brenton Johnson  
Kyle Boe  
Gary Laleman  
Bryan VanOverbeke  
David Loe  
Cory Buysse  
Kevin Swedzinski  
Tony Buysse  
Dave Planting

### Set Agenda

**Boulton moved to approve the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (July 8, 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 = \$-26,512.15  
Total Expenses = \$29,163.59

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel
- One Office Solution
- Netpoint
- Bankcard Center
- Jim Wambeke
- Payroll/PerDiems
- Payroll Liabilities
- Board and Staff

Phone/Internet=\$129.03  
Copier/Copies=\$20.74  
Web hosting=\$8.95  
Credit Card=\$1702.85  
Rent=\$700.00  
Salaries/periderms=\$6386.92  
Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$1809.77  
Mileage/expenses=\$295.34

**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 sent 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. Downstream landowner did attend the meeting, he did not have any objections as long as the project is completely gravity fed and there is no pumping involved.

**Buysse moved to approve the permit. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Permits – Darwin Bach

Mr. Bach is proposing to add tile to an existing system. The tile is located in the YB-LqP Watershed, but outlets into the Yellow Medicine Watershed. The current system already goes this direction and there is no resources concerns about adding a few more seepage lines.

**Buysse moved to approve the permit. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Permits – 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. Loe proposed removing the new outlet and the lift pump from the proposed scope of work, and using the existing outlet. The golf club stated that they no longer had any objections.

**Buysse moved to approve the permit. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Public Comment, and Reports

Michelle Overholser, Administrator, reported the following activities:

- Permits are still coming in pretty steadily
- She will be taking a vacation
- Lot of time put into budget proposals, biennial summit and annual advisory meeting

Mike Luke, Program Assistant reported that he has been working on permitting, plans on working on FEMA report for Ditch 4

## Old Business – Laleman violation

Overholser reported that she conducted a site visit on July 18<sup>th</sup> and the rocks in Mr. Laleman's ditch had not been removed. Under the advice of legal counsel, the board chose to issue an order. The full order is on file at the district. In summary, the order states that Laleman will be assessed a fee of \$750.00 with a \$100.00 per month late fee for any full or partial month that fine has not been paid or the violation has not been corrected. If the violation is not corrected by September 1, 2019, the district will hire a contractor to correct the issues. Any cost incurred by the district will be assessed to the taxes of the parcel.

**The order was read into the record. The order was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

## Old Business – Hauschild Dam

Seeding repairs were completed on Hauschild Dam. The costs will be submitted with our FEMA damages.



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## Old Business – Hoffman

A letter of recommendation was received from the attorney.

**Boulton moved to table the issue. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – Minneota Golf Course

The golf course has been experiencing flooding issues. They are looking into increasing the size of the culvert between their two holding ponds. They wanted to see if the District would be willing to cost share the cost of the pipe. Through discussion it was reaffirmed that this is not the type of project the District will offer cost share for, it is part of the Districts mission to keep water on the landscape longer, not facilitate increased and quicker drainage.

## New Business – Lake John Boat Access

It was reported that the boat access is very rutted and in disrepair. A citizen of the District inquired about the district covering the cost of adding some crushed rock to the landing. The board had thought this would fall under DNR jurisdiction. Overholser will look into it further.

## 1W1P Cost-Share Harvey Sylvie

Total cost was amended by the engineer from \$26,209 to \$32,453.

## 1W1P Cost-Share Harry Ratajczak

Total cost was amended by the engineer.

## 1W1P Cost-Share Eric Dybsetter

New contract for \$1,767.00 grass waterway.

## 1W1P Cost-Share John Popwski

New contract for \$4,557.00 WASCOS.

## Other Business – Future Events

Regular Meeting	September 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.
Drainage Inspectors	Alexandria August 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 registration
Governance 101	September 11-13 <sup>th</sup>

## Adjournment

**Dritz called the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary Elmo Volstad

Date



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*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 September 9, 2019 at the District Office.**