



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes September 9, 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 Randy Kamrath
 - Secretary Elmo Volstad
 - Public Relations Bill Briggs

- Others present:
 - Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
 - Rick Anderson, Lyon County Commissioner
 - Gary Laleman, Lyon SWCD
 - Ed Laleman

Set Agenda

Volstad moved to approve the agenda. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (August 12, 2019)

Volstad moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Budget Meeting was called to order at 9:06

Overholser presented the proposed 2020 budget and recommended no levy increase for 2020. There were no members of the public in attendance and no comments on the proposed budget.

Volstad moved to accept the proposed 2020 budget and to maintain the levy amount of \$240,000 for 2020. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Profit and Loss Report Net Income = \$-12,397.27
- Balance for 1W1P Total Expenses = \$13395.15

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel Phone/Internet=\$129.03
- One Office Solution Copier/Copies=\$18.70
- Netpoint Web hosting=\$8.95
- Jim Wambeke Rent=\$700.00
- Payroll/PerDiems Salaries/periderms=\$7144.88
- Payroll Liabilities Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$1922.45
- Board and Staff Mileage/expenses=\$459.64
- Rinke Noonan Legal=\$520.50
- Beaver Control Bounties=\$420.00

Volstad moved to approve the treasurer's report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 3-0.



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Permits – Paul Fehman – Diamond Lake 3

The project was brought to the board since part of the project takes place outside of the District's legal boundary. The board did not see any concerns with the project.

Kamrath moved to approve the permit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment, and Reports

Michelle Overholser gave a report.

Old Business – Laleman violation

Mr. Laleman was in attendance and told the board that he had removed some of the rocks. The board explained that all the rocks needed to be removed. In order to access this location, Mr. Laleman felt he needed to wait until the crop was off. At this point a fee of \$750.00 has already been assessed, and at this time two months of late fees are owed.

Volstad moved to extend the deadline until Nov. 6th. If the rocks are removed by Nov. 6th and the \$750.00 fee is paid in full, the board will waive the late fees that had occurred until that point. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business – Lake John Access

The DNR has no objections to improving the land part of the boat access.

Old Business – Hauschild Dam Outlet, Seeding

The hydro seeding was completed. The damages will be included in our FEMA damages. Area II is requesting that the board authorized someone to go out and spray.

Kamrath moved to approve the costs of spraying. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business – Permits for NRCS engineered practices

Discussion was regarding if the district should require all the downstream signatures for practices that are designed by NRCS or a licensed engineer, since they are required to get permissions if the project will have a downstream impact. This is something we could consider addressing in a future rule change.

New Business – December board meeting

Overholser requested that we consider moving the December board meeting since she will be gone at the MAWD Annual meeting for a majority of the week before. It was decided to table this until next meeting where a firm date will be set.

New Business – H2O Viewer

H2O Viewer attended the meeting to give a presentation about how they conduct viewing.



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New Business – Shared Services – Lincoln SWCD

Overholser and Dale, Lincoln SWCD Manager, have been discussing trying a shared services agreement again. There is funding available for staff in the budget. The board has no objections to Overholser entering to discussion on the details of how the agreement would work.

Blazing Star

The board inquired whether anyone from the project had been in touch with the office. Overholser reported that shed has been working with individuals on their permits.

1W1P Cost-Share Doug Anderson

The project is for two 638's. It will be a joint EQIP project. They are requesting \$4,430.00 from this grant.
Kamrath moved to approve contract. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

1W1P Cost-Share Harry Ratajczak

Total cost was amended by the engineer.

1W1P Cost-Share Kevin Buysse

Luke Olson from the Lyon SWCD came it to discuss a project with the board and see if they had any concerns. He is hoping to present the project for funding next month

Other Business – Future Events

Regular Meeting	October 14 th 9:00 a.m.
Governance 101	September 11-13 th
Annual Meeting	December 5-7 th

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 October 14, 2019 at the District Office.