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Regular meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District board of managers was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board managers present were Donald Oerter, Jeff Hoffman, John Boulton, Tim Buysse, and Richard Jelen. Also in attendance were Cindy Potz, administrator, and Mark Paluch, field technician.

*#1. Approval of Agenda*

The agenda was presented to the board for review and approval.

01-05-2008 Motion was made by Boulton, seconded by Buysse, to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

*#2. Approval of Previous Minutes*

The previous minutes were presented to the board for review and approval. After discussion

02-05-2008 Motion was made by Buysse, seconded by Boulton, to approve the previous minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

*#3. Approval of Treasurer's Report*

The treasurer's report was presented to the board by Potz. She presented the monthly budget report, and the profit and loss statement for the past month. She reported the amount needed to pay the warrants, and asked for a motion to give her the authority to transfer funds from savings to checking.

03-05-2008 Motion was made by Boulton, seconded by Hoffman to authorize Potz to transfer funds from savings to checking. All voted aye. Motion carried.

04-05-2008 Motion was made by Boulton, seconded by Jelen, to approve the treasurer's report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

*#4. Approval of Submitted Warrants*

The submitted warrants were presented to the board for discussion and approval.

05-05-2008 Motion was made by Hoffman seconded by Buysse, to approve the submitted warrants. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The approved warrants are as follows:

6215 James Wambeke	rent	\$400.00
6216 Century Tel	telephone	\$164.25
6217 Netpoint	internet service	\$8.95
6218 Northern Business products	supplies	\$61.75
6237 managers per diem	Oerter	\$460.28
6236	Hoffman	\$350.51
6238	Boulton	\$772.27
6234	Buysse	\$387.45
6235	Jelen	\$374.93
6214 staff	Potz	\$2,126.70
6233 PERA	employee retirement fund	\$585.94
6231 Bank of the West	payroll taxes	\$924.20
6232 Schuler Environmental	CWP Phase II	\$1,250.00
6219 Marshall Independent	classified ad	\$138.20
6220 Stearns DHIA Labs	GYMR Phase II lab	\$1,845.12
6221 V K Services	web updates	\$52.00
6222 Bradley Herigon	beaver damage control	\$540.00
6223 Jay Opdahl	beaver damage control	\$780.00
6224 Don Anderson	beaver damage control	\$240.00
6225 Ivanhoe Times	classified ad	\$32.50
6226 Meulebroeck, Taubert and Co	audit	\$2,273.40
6227 Minneota Mascot	classified ad	\$109.00
6228 Davis Typewriter co.	supplies	\$31.89
6229 Canby News, Inc	classified ad	\$19.26
6230 League of Mn cities Insurance	Insurance	\$5,094.00
6239 MAWD	summer tour registration	\$530.00

*#5. Approval of Submitted Tiling Permit Applications*

Discussion was held on the submitted permit applications, those that were completed by the board, and those that were completed by Paluch.

06-05-2008 Motion was made by Boulton, seconded by Hoffman to approve the submitted permit applications. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Permit applications approved are as follows:

10508	Jim Myhre	Lyon	Nordland	14 N 1/2 of NW 1/4	
20508	Cyndy Miller	Lyon	Nordland	14 S 1/2 of NW 1/4	
30508	David Boulton	Lincoln	Alta Vista	27 NW 1/4	
40508	Curtis Blumeyer	Lincoln	Marble	29 NE 1/4	
50508	Brian Skorczewski	Lincoln	Marble	31 SW 1/4	clean waterway
60508	Warren Regnier	Lyon	Norland	34 SE 1/4	
70508	Lawrence Van Hecke	Lyon	Eidsvold	29 SW 1/4	
80508	Linda & Dennis VanUden	Lyon	Lucas	18 SE 1/4 of EE 1/2	
90508	Charles Hoffman	YM	Wergeland	14 SW 1/4	
100508	Lincoln Highway dept	Lincoln	Alta Vista	33 SW 1/4	clean waterway
110508	Lincoln Highway dept	Lincoln	Shaokatan	28 NE 1/4	Add riprap to water edge
120508	Lyon County HWY Dept	Lyon	Nordland	10 & 11 NE & NW 1/4	replace bridge

#### *#6. James Knoff complaint*

James Knoff met with the board to discuss his complaint about a permit that had been issued to his neighbor, Dale Sovell in November of 2007. Knoff questions why he was not informed about the permit application at the time, as he would have wanted to be included in the project. Terry Renken was in attendance at the time of this meeting, and Terry stated that he had visited with Knoff at the time of the issuance of the permit, and that Knoff was not able to state at that time where he would want to tile, and how that would correlate to the Sovell permit. Knoff felt that Sovell must have been given some information concerning Knoffs intent to tile, in order to apply for a permit that was contradictory to Knoff's plans. Knoff at this time requested a permit application for tiling, that appears to not involve the Sovell project. The permit application will be viewed by Mark Paluch.

#### *#7. Board Managers Reports*

Boulton gave a report on his attendance at the April monthly Area II meeting.

No other attendance of meetings was reported.

#### *#8. Administrator's Report*

##### **Harold Desmet/ US Fish and Wildlife grievance**

Potz reported that Harold Desmet has been in the office periodically to discuss the problems allegedly created by US Fish and Wildlife on neighboring lands, that adversely affect proper drainage on Desmet land. He would like us to continue, as Terry Renken had been doing in the past, to negotiate an agreement to assure that Harold's land would be restored to it's original state before the US Fish and Wildlife project. Potz and Mark Paluch would like the board to view the site again, for review. Potz reported that she has been talking to Steve Delehanty from US Fish and Wildlife, to work on an agreement. She reported that US Fish and Wildlife is working on securing an affordable contractor to repair the damage.

##### **Lac Qui Parle River overflow**

Potz reported that has visited with Kerri Netzke from Area II, requesting a hydrology report for the Lac Qui Parle over flow repairs project, to be forwarded to DNR for their comments and approval of a permit. Kerri reported that she and her staff will certainly

put this request on their list, but that they are very busy at this time, and can't guarantee the report for at least two months. Boulton asked Potz to get Netzke on the phone, so he and the board could visit with her, to confirm her status on the project.

Netzke did again state that she will put this request on the list, but cannot act immediately on the requests due to the urgency of other projects. We agreed that this project can be delayed some, due to the fact that it would be easier to work on the repairs later in the season, when the river level is lower. We will then patiently await the hydrology report.

#### **Beaver dams on spring creek**

Potz reported that John Kolhei has reported the possible existence of beaver dams in section 4 of Sandnes township, aka the last mile of Spring Creek before it joins with the Yellow Medicine River. If one of the board happens to be in that area, or if she or Paluch should get a chance, that should be looked at. An investigation into a report of a beaver dam that prevents Meade Lake from draining is also being done by Potz and Paluch. It has been reported by K and K Tiling that they have viewed the site, and are not sure that they can access the site with their equipment. Further investigation will take place.

#### **Alan Josephson, Burton township culvert**

Potz reported that she worked with Alan Josephson in an attempt to answer his question concerning the fiscal responsibility for the repair or replacement of a culvert that needs replacement between Lawrence Polman and the Callens property. He questioned whether that is a watershed drainage ditch, and whether the watershed has any responsibility to pay for a share of or all of the repair cost. With the help of John Boulton and calling on the advice of Terry Renken, it was determined that the drainage ditch is a private ditch system, and the watershed does not have any responsibility towards the cost. Potz reported back to Josephson on the status of the project.

#### **Mn River Basin tour preparations**

Potz has been making preparations for the upcoming MN River Basin tour on May 19. She has been working with Louann Nagel, Rose Anderson, and Pauline Van Overbeke to collect ideas for sites for the tour agenda, and is also working on a powerpoint presentation of projects, ongoing or completed by the watershed district.

#### *#9. Viewers for ditch 21*

The viewers chosen to assess the cost benefit ratio of the ditch 21 project met with the board to be officially sworn in as the viewers for the project. The viewers were Karl Kaatz, Frank Josephson, and Duane Bednickson. Dennis Johnson was present as well. After documents were signed, the viewers met with Dennis Johnson to proceed with the project, and soon thereafter, reported that they will meet back here at the watershed district office at 8:30 a.m. on May 29, 2008.

#### *#10. Fodness, Myhre project agreements*

Tom and Harvey Myhre, Gene Fodness, and Larry Desmet met with the board to discuss progress being made in the negotiation process in creating a fair and beneficial drainage project for Myhre and Fodness. They have visited with Lyon SWCD and NRCS, as well as the Lyon County Highway dept, in reference to tiling into a road ditch. They asked about the procedure for which permits should be obtained first, those from NRCS or the

watershed. We suggested that they first obtain a permit from NRCS, as we generally do not issue a permit if the proposal is denied by NRCS. We thanked the group for working together and attempting to resolve the drainage problems.

*#11. Upcoming events*

June 19-21, 2008 MAWD Summer Tour  
Dakota Magic Casino and Hotel, Hankinson, ND

*#12. Adjourn the Meeting*

Oerter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

07-05-2008 Motion was made by Boulton, seconded by Buysse, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Boulton, secretary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Minutes prepared by CMP

**The next regular meeting of the Watershed District board of managers will be held on June 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District.**