



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

**Staff Present:** Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

**Board Members Present:** Faith Olsen, Bill Briggs, Tim Buysse, Randy Kamrath, Darwyn Bach

**Others Present:** Tom Andries, Gary Laleman

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 10:00 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
  - 1.1. Set Agenda: **Buysse moved to approve the agenda. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 1.2. Feb. Regular Meeting Minutes: Change "Personal" to "Personnel" in 5.2, and 4.2 should read as "Website: Streamline provided startup costs of \$500 and yearly maintenance of \$2760." **Buysse moved to approve amended Feb. Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 1.3. Treasurer Report: **Kamrath moved to approve Treasurer Report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
2. **Permits to Approve**
  - 2.1. Bill Thovson – Wergeland 17: Timm presented permit application submitted by Thovson. The application contains project plans to extend main onto his property. Project has all downstream landowners signed off up to the public waterway, tile is sized below a ½ per day drainage coefficient and will no obstruct or overflow water onto the property of others. Thovson submitted his WCA determinations which indicate no wetlands on the property but has a note from the SWCD to not proceed with the project until documentation from FSA is received to confirm no wetlands exist on property. Thovson is requesting approval from the Watershed District. Discussion took place and it was determined that the project does follow the District rules. Thovson has been advised to proceed at his own risk. **Olsen moved to approve Bill Thovson's permit application. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
  - 3.1. Public Comments: none
  - 3.2. Manager Reports: Kamrath reported on Area II's water slow down project in Alta Vista 27. Bach reported on progress with the Lac que Parle-Yellow Bank 1W1P progress.
  - 3.3. Technical Reports: Timm reported on progress made with DNR permit for sediment removal for WD 16 and spoke briefly on ditch inspections for WD 17 and WD 7. Rugged Tree Service is currently removing trees around Lake John Reservoir and the boat launch, and he will reseed grass this spring. Timm discussed other potential improvements to the Lake John area including gaveling the roads, cable to stop the public from driving over the dam, widening the boat launch and adding dock to launch. Timm discussed issues with the Hauschild-Thange Reservoir: a report of beaver in the area from Luke Moose was received and a report of branches



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blocking the intake from Joy Bruns was received. After inspecting the area, it was confirmed that the intake is blocked by branches, but the water is currently too deep to wade in to remove the debris. Timm will contact local contractors about resolving this problem.

- 3.4. Administrative Report: Overholser reported on progress made for the YM 1W1P ranking for non-structural practices. Overholser received approval from BRSW for the 24-25 Grant Workplan and will receive soon supplemental funds 22-23 grant for additional non-structural practices. Overholser reported on recent Legislative Days and provided upcoming Summer Tour information.

## 4. Old Business

- 4.1 Remote Meetings: Overholser presented several options for remote meetings. **Kamrath moved to remove Remote Meetings from the agenda until summer. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4.2 Website: Overholser presented preliminary website set to go live within the coming weeks.

## 5. New Business

- 5.1. Personnel Policy: Overholser presented Personnel Policy. Corrections were noted and will be made. **Buyse Moved to table until the April Monthly Board Meeting. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. Update Cost-Share Policy: Overholser presented new CRP policy. **Buyse moved to accept Cost-Share Policy. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. April Policy Committee Meeting for 1W1P: Overholser is requesting to move date officially from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Kamrath moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 grant

- 6.1. Charles Olson – 340 – Vallery 15 - \$60,000
- 6.2. Sidnee Olson – 340 – Vallery 1 - \$33,523
- 6.3. Pat Jerzak – 638 – Limestone 16 - \$4,801
- 6.4. Pat Jerzak – 412 – Limestone 16 - \$2,529
- 6.5. Brad Pederson – 402 – Norman 35 - \$47,979.84
- 6.6. Jim Traen – 410 - Marble 23 - \$104,826
- 6.7. Jerome Jerzak – 638 – Royal 23 - \$26,010.45
- 6.8. Jerry Mathews – 340/329 – Marble 16 - \$8,574
- 6.9. Dennis Swedzinski Jr – 412 – Limestone 14 - \$12,041.25
- 6.10. Thomas Buller – 340/329 – Shaokatan 19 - \$8,700

**The board reviewed all the projects and Olsen Moved to authorize Overholser to approve the above YM1W1P WBIF Cost-share Contracts from the 24/25 WBIF grant when she is satisfied that all the correct and required documents have been submitted. Buyse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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## **7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 22/23 Grant**

- 7.1. William Jerzak – Limestone 18-2023-015 - \$10,151.73 **Olsen Moved to approve YM1W1P WBIF Cost-share Payments 22/23 grant. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjourn – Olsen Moved to Adjourn. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 P.M.**

### **Dates to Note:**

April Board Meeting

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Summer Tour

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Suburbs

### **Board Term Ending Dates in 2024**

Olsen

Aug. 2024

Buyse/Briggs

Dec. 2024