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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 18, 2021

Attendance: Board: Buysse, Olsen, Briggs, Volstad, Kamrath

Staff: Overholser

Call to Order

1.1 Set Agenda - Briggs moved to approved the agenda. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1.2 September Regular Meeting Minutes Briggs moved to approved the agenda. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 1.3 Treasurer's Report Overholser gave the report. **Buysse moved to approved the report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Permits to Approve

2.1

Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Public Comment
- 3.2 Manager Reports
- 3.3 Administrator's Report
- 3.4 Tech Report

Old Business

4.1 Unpermitted work on Cottonwood Golf Course – Mr. Loe and representatives of the Golf Course Board (Kyle Boe spoke on behalf of the Board) attended the meeting to continue addressing their concerns to the WD Board. Loe stated that he believed the work was permitted but understands that it was not, and that he has every intention of restoring the ground.

The Golf Course would like to see the original 20" and 10" lines restored and for the ground to be completely restored.

It is still not clear if the current easement gave Mr. Loe the ability to install the current 30" although it is clear and undisputed that he had the ability to repair the existing line. There is also still the issue of determining if the 30" line exceeds the drainage coefficient set by the District and would have been permitted even if the landowners were in agreement. Briggs moved to table the discussion until there is clarification of the easement or the parties come to an agreement. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Blazing Star – Mr. Tim Dritz would like to see more being done with regards to the Blazing Star Substation after-the-fact permit. If the issue is not resolved in the 30 day timeline that was stated in the October letter to Excel then a compliant complaint will be issued with the PUC.

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New Business

5.1 Ditch Levies – Buysse moved to set the following WD ditch levies:

WD #8 - \$37,816.40, this amount was assessed to the system by Lincoln Co. JD 29

WD #1 - \$5,000

WD #5 - \$4,714

WD #16 - \$1,406

WD #17 - \$3,318

WD#18 - \$1,097

Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Cost-share policy – Discussion on making it clear in the cost-share policy that alternative tile intakes will be cost-shared at a flat rate of \$500 per intake. This was a recommendation by the policy committee but it is not clear in policy.

Briggs moved to approve the policy change. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

6.1 Schrieber – Intakes – Eidsvold 21 (Intakes) - \$1500.00

Briggs moved to approve the contract. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Carr Farms – Amendment – 2020-021 \$79,656.73

Buysse moved to approve the contract. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Cole - Intakes – Sandnes 35 - \$5600

Briggs moved to approve the contract for \$3000. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

YM1WIP Payments

- 6.4 Carr Farms 2020-021 \$79,656.73
- 6.5 Fier 2020-014 Alta vista 23 (638) \$17,619.90
- 6.6 Popowski 2019-007 Royal 3 (638) \$2953.00

Volstad moved to approve the payments. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

Regular Meeting November 23rd 9:00 a.m

The goals of the Yellow Medicine Watershed Partners are to: (1) mitigate altered hydrology and work to reduce the potential for flooding; (2) minimize the transport of excess nutrients, sediment, and bacteria into our surface waters; and (3) preserve and protect groundwater quantity and quality.