



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Tim Buysse. Other managers present were Tim Dritz, John Boulton, Jeff Hoffman, and Corey Hoffman. Also in attendance were Interim Administrator Emily Javens and Board Conservationist Jason Beckler (MN Board of Soil and Water Resources, BWSR). Partial attendance during the meeting included Kerry Netzke, Executive Director of Area II MN River Basin Projects, Inc. and Bob Prellwitz, B&R Tiling.

#1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the board for review and approval. 11-01-2015 Motion was made by C. Hoffman, seconded by Boulton to approve the agenda as amended. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the regular October 2015 meeting were presented to the board. 11-02-2015. Motion was made by J. Hoffman, seconded by Dritz to approve the minutes of October 2015 as amended. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#3 - #4. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Submitted Warrants

The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dritz and included the current balance sheet, profit and loss report, bills to be paid, and the ditch balance report. Since some of the ditches have a negative balance, there was discussion to submit assessments for those ditches.

11-03-2015 Motion by J. Hoffman, second by C. Hoffman to submit an assessment to Yellow Medicine County for Ditches 4 and 5 in an amount equal to the sum of bringing each ditch fund up to a \$0 balance, plus any remaining known expenses for ditch cleaning, seeding, and repair, plus \$700 each for replacement of all public outlets, plus \$1,000 per ditch mile for future maintenance. All voted aye. Motion carried.

11-04-2015 Motion by J. Hoffman, second by C. Hoffman to approve the treasurer's report and pay the following warrants. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The approved warrants include:

CenturyTel	Telephone / Internet	\$116.31
Jim Wambeke	Rent	\$500.00
John A. Engels, Attorney	Legal Advice	\$2,074.00



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Netpoint	Website Service	\$8.95
B&R Tiling	Ditch 4 maintenance	\$14,521.93

OLD BUSINESS

#5. Luke Moore Request for Funding

Kerry Netzke presented a request to partially fund a repair of the Limestone 26 Grade Stabilization which provides pretreatment to the Hauschild impoundment. The total cost of the project is \$27,971.35. Area II River Basin Projects, Inc. provides 75% cost share and landowner Luke Moore is required to fund the remaining costs. 11-05-2015 Motion by J. Hoffman, second by C. Hoffman to approve a payment of \$2500 to Luke Moore for the repair of the Limestone 26 Grade Stabilization. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#6. Buffer Strip Violations associated with Omar Laleman's Actions

The Board discussed options on how to handle two violations made to buffer strips by Omar Laleman on the John Full and Robert Hoffman properties. The buffers had been ripped up and in one instance planted to corn. A letter was sent to Omar Laleman stating the Watershed District could not grant him permission to harvest the corn. Since that time, the corn has been harvested. 11-06-2015 Motion by Dritz, second by Boulton to fine the landowners \$750 for a buffer strip violation. C. Hoffman abstained to vote and the remaining managers voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#7. Approval of Submitted Permit Applications

Boulton presented 22 permit applications. 11-07-2015 Motion was made by J. Hoffman, second by Dritz, to approve the submitted permit applications. All voted aye. Motion carried. The approved applications are as follows:

Number	Applicant	County	Township	Section	¼	Activity
011115	Doug Steffes	Lincoln	Marble	10	SW ¼	Add/replace 5" tile lines
021115	Dennis VanUden	Lyon	Vallers	26, 35	26:SE¼ 35:NE¼	Replace existing lines
031115	Terry Renken	Lincoln	Lake Stay	17	NE ¼	Add seepage lines to main line
041115	Lowell Fales	Yellow Med	Wergeland	18	NW ¼	Pattern tile drainage
051115	Curt Neyens	Lincoln	Lake Stay	10		Existing tile replacement
061115	Justin Jerzak	Lincoln	Shaokatan	3	NW ¼	Seepage lines on a 638
071115	Tim Thooft	Lincoln	Lake Stay Marshfield	32 3	SE ¼ NW ¼	Add seepage lines
081115	Wayne Skaar	Lyon	Nordland	4	SE ¼	Replace existing lines
091115	Corey Hoffman	Yellow Med	Wergeland	14	NW ¼	Renewal of expired permit 61014
101115	David Antony	Yellow Med	Wergeland	2	NE ¼	Replace existing line, pattern tile
111115	Mike Gunlogson	Yellow Med	Swede Prairie	2	E ½	



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121115	Robert Jelen	Yellow Med	Osh Kosh	26	NE ¼	Add seepage lines
131115	Goody's Farms LLC	Lyon	Nordland	21,22,27,28		New pattern tile
141115	Peter Louwagie	Lyon	Vallers	13,21,22		New seepage line
151115	John Jerzak	Lincoln	Ash Lake Royal	1,2 36		Repairing tile lines
161115	Harvey Myrhe	Lyon	Nordland	22		New seepage lines
171115	Harvey Myrhe	Lyon	Nordland	23	NE ¼	New seepage lines
181115	Harvey Myrhe	Lyon	Nordland	23		New seepage lines
191115	Leon Dritz	Lincoln	Alta Vista	31,32		Waterway cleaning
201115	Luther Johnson	Lincoln	Shaokatan	1,12		Seepage lines
211115	Troy Buller/Herman Peterson	Lincoln	Shaokatan	33		Seepage line
221115	MnDOT	Lincoln	Shaokatan	1		Culvert replacement

#8. Performance Review and Assistance Program Application for Funding

Javens presented the application for funding through the Board of Water and Soil Resources' Performance Review and Assistance Program. 11-08-2015 Motion by Dritz, second by C. Hoffman to submit the application for funding. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#9. New Conference Table

11-09-2015 Motion by Dritz, second by J. Hoffman to approve up to \$1200 on a round conference table that fits 8. All voted aye. Motion carried. If someone finds a table they think will work, let Buysse know so that we don't end up buying multiple tables.

#10. Cleaning Service

Discussion was held as to whether to hire a cleaning service to do general cleaning two times per month. Buysse will research and hire someone.

#11. MAWD Delegates

Discussion was held to determine who would represent the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District at the MN Association of Watershed Districts at the annual convention. 11-10-2015 Motion by Boulton, second by Dritz to name C. Hoffman and Boulton as delegates with Buysse as the alternate. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#12. Manager Reports

Dritz mentioned he contacted PayChex to process payroll in the future and he asked managers to submit vouchers ahead of the next meeting.

C. Hoffman brought up that Lillian Koch had contacted him to find out why her tile outlets were not replaced as part of the ditch maintenance performed this summer. Upon further review, it was determined that the outlets are private and will need to be replaced at her own expense.



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Buyse asked for an update on the beaver problems on Ditch 5. Several dams were removed in Eidsvold Township Section 6, but they have since been rebuilt. Trappers will be brought in before further dam removal will occur.

Boulton submitted a claim for a beaver bounty from Lee Dritz. Payment will occur next month at the cost of \$30/beaver.

Buyse asked Javens to contact John Biren, Lyon County, to ask about the lack of water plan meetings that have occurred recently and to double check whether or not we should be getting funding for beaver trapping.

#15. Administrator Report

Javens shared a story highlighted on the BWSR website about the Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan.

She also shared a notice about a public hearing for a conditional use permit for the construction of a confinement barn to house 2,300 head of swine to be held on November 17, 2015 in Clarkfield at 7:30 pm.

Javens asked if Dritz had been reappointed as a Watershed District Manager. He confirmed he was reappointed. The term of C. Hoffman expires in December 2015. Javens will contact the County Administrator to make sure the position is posted and someone is appointed as soon as allowed by statute.

#16. Meeting Adjournment

11-11-15 Motion by J. Hoffman, second by C. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Hoffman,
Secretary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Minutes prepared by Javens

The next regular meeting of the Watershed District Board of Managers will be held on December 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District.