



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Meeting Minutes May 13, 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 John Boulton  
Secretary Elmo Volstad  
Treasurer Tim Buysse  
Public Relations Bill Briggs

Others present: Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator  
Mike Luke, YMRWD Project Assistant  
Gary Lalemen  
Gary Crowley

### Set Agenda

**Boulton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (April 8, 2019)

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Buysse moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0**

### Treasurer's Report

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Profit and Loss Report
- Warrants Paid

Net Income = \$-12183.51  
Total Expenses = \$12257.39

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel
- Minneota Sportsman Club
- Net Point
- Bankcard Center
- Lincoln SWCD
- Jim Wambeke
- Payroll/PerDiems
- Payroll Liabilities
- Board and Staff

Phone/Internet=\$127.76  
Venue down payment=\$50.00  
Web Hosting=\$8.95  
Credit Card=\$1578.77  
TSA=\$2849.59  
Rent=\$700.00  
Salaries/periderms=\$3915.50  
Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$2880.48  
Mileage/expenses=\$146.34

**Volstad moved to pay the warrants and approve the treasurer's report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**



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## Permits – Robert King

Mr. King applied for a permit to tile in Yellow Medicine County. A small portion of this project will be done on land that is officially in the YB-LqP Watershed district. Mr. King tried to work with the landowner that is downstream from the part of the project in the YB-LqP district, but could not achieve an agreement. He would like permission to have that 10 acres drain, with the rest of the project, into the YMRWD. The board saw no obvious concerns with the project.

**Boulton moved to approve the permit. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Permits – Darrin Kompelien

Mr. Kompelien will be crossing the HUC 12 watershed divide with this project. He did approach the southern landowner and tried to gain access to outlet his water that direction in order to stay in the same HUC 12 watershed, but the neighboring landowner did not want any work to take place on his ground. The amount of additional drainage area this will move to the other subwatershed is minimal.

**Boulton moved to approve the permit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Public Comment, and Reports

Gary Crowley, Lyon Co. Commissioner, reported that the board is planning to use the buffer enforcement money to cost share retention projects.

Michelle Overholser, Administrator, reported the following activities: met with landowners regarding the erosion problem on Burton Lake and has been working with the YMSWCD on the issue; still waiting for a response from the lawyer regarding the Hoffman issue; WRAPS monitoring sites are being requested; RCCP ranking question submitted and accepted; permits have been coming in steadily; continuing to investigate drone technology; LCCMR proposal was submitted; and the sportsman club was booked for the 1W1P biannual summit.

Mike Luke, Program Assistant reported that he has been working on permitting and assisted locating permit information for Hwy 68 project.

Managers had no additional activities to report.

## Old Business – Hauschild Dam

Dritz reported that he has been keeping an eye on the dam and the tile line shut off. Since the last meeting he has closed the valve and reopened it. He would like to see a flop gate installed at the outlet and suggests looking into a check valve.

**Buyse moved to have the flop gate installed. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – 2018 Annual Report

Overholser presented the 2018 Annual Report for any comments from the board.

**Boulton moved to approved the report. Buyse seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – Lake John

The District placed a public notice that it was accepting bids for the haying contract at Lake John. The District did not receive any bids during the open bid time frame. Bob Noyes contacted Overholser, after the bids had closed, and submitted a proposal to hay the property this year at a rental rate of \$22.00/acre. Since there were no other proposals and/or bids the Board decided to entertain this offer. The current renter was notified by email that bidding for the contract was opening. He indicated that he planned to put in a bid, but never contacted the office after that conversation.

**Buyse moved to approve offer. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**



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## New Business – Ditch 4 Crossing

A landowner called about a crossing out on WD 4. Overholser looked at the as-builts and this crossing is listed a private. This is the only access the landowner has to his field.

**Boulton moved that the repair be completed and the district investigates if the crossing needs to be petitioned into being part of the system. Briggs seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## 1W1P Cost-Share

John Dorn – Shaokatan 7- Contract

**Buyse moved to approve contract. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## Other Business – Future Events

Regular Meeting Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Summer Tour June 26-28 Fargo/Moorhead Area

## Adjournment

**Dritz called the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 June 10, 2019 at the District Office.**