



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes November 11, 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 Randy Kamrath
Public Relations Bill Briggs
Treasurer Tim Buysse

Others present: Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
Gary Crowley, Lyon County
Ed Laleman

Set Agenda

Kamrath moved to approve the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (October 14, 2019)

A needed correction was noted regarding the vote on 4.1 Hoffman.

Buysse moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Profit and Loss Report

Net Income = \$-44033.47
Total Expenses = \$47,858.08

Outstanding warrants to be paid:

- Century Tel & Cell phone
- One Office Solution
- Equipment
- Netpoint
- Jim Wambeke
- Payroll/PerDiems
- Payroll Liabilities
- Board and Staff
- Bankcard Center
- Beaver Control

Phone/Internet=\$218.12
Copier/copies=\$19.84
Copier/Copies=\$100.80
Web hosting=\$8.95
Rent=\$700.00
Salaries/periderms=\$7073.31
Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$1915.92
Mileage/expenses=\$825.61
Credit Card=\$2240.10
Bounty=\$300.00

Buysse moved to approve the treasurer's report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Permits – John Jerzak - Shaokatan 2

Jerzak had a previously approved permit. It was reported to the board by a neighboring landowner, that more tile was installed than what was permitted for. Mr. Jerzak is working with the downstream landowner to get a drainage agreement in place. Dritz informed the board that he has a conflict of interest regarding Mr. Jerzak's project and will refrain from any discussions or voting that pertains to this permit/project. As an interested landowner he will communicate through letters to the board and through the Administrator.

The Board, minus Dritz, came to a consensus during discussion to table the permit until the December meeting in anticipation that the two landowners will have come to an agreement.



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Permits – Jordan Longtin – Burton 31

The proposed project would outlet into a public water to the north of the parcel. The downstream landowners have been hesitant to sign off on the permit application even though the current system already outlets on their property and the two parties have a drainage agreement in place. Overholser reported to the Board that she had reminded Mr. Longtin that if the Board approved the permit, this does not give them permission to do work on someone else's land and if they need to access the downstream land, that is a private matter between landowners. **Buyse moved to approve the permit. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment, and Reports

Michelle Overholser gave a report.

Old Business – Laleman

Mr. Laleman expressed to the Board that he did not feel his after the fact permit fee of \$750.00 was fair. The Board explained that the fee is reflective of how quickly the issue is addressed and how much staff time and or legal counsel was used in order to ensure compliance with district rules. The District had to send out two letters, make four site visits and consulted with legal counsel before the waterway was brought into compliance, therefore the original fee of \$750.00 will stand.

New Business – Blazing Star

Overholser has been working with Blazing Star to complete the permit process. There have been some concerns with a substation and she will continue to work on the matter with Blazing Star and the concerned landowners.

New Business – Health Insurance 2020

Overholser received a quote from the Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP) for employee medical/dental coverage for 2020. There are three different plans the Board can choose from or the Board may set a dollar amount of max contribution and then allow the employee to choose their coverage.

Buyse moved for the District to provide employees \$1400/month towards medical, dental and HSA (if HSA option is chosen) coverage, and that employees will have the option to elect their own plan. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business – Annual Meeting Delegates

Overholser asked who was willing to be delegates at the meeting. Kamarth and Volstad were named delegates with Briggs as the Alternate.

New Business – Resolutions

The 2019 MAWD resolutions were briefly discussed.

1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

The Board reviewed 3 potential cost share contracts. Frank Engels - Nordland 19, Jim Opdahl – Nordland 15 & 16, and Dale Fier – Burton 31.

Briggs moved to approve the Engels and Opdahl contracts. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Fier contract is requesting more than \$15,000, therefore it is being sent to the 1W1P Policy Committee for review.



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1W1P Cost-Share Payments

Payment of \$9645 for Dybsetter Farms and \$8,829.58 for Traen was requested. All the work has been completed and the paperwork has been submitted.

Kamarth moved to approve the payment. Brigs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – Future Events

Dates to Note:

Regular Meeting	December 16 th
Legislative Days	March 18-19 th

Adjournment

Dritz called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 December 16, 2019 at the District Office.