Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Board: Volstad, Olsen, Buysse, Kamrath, Briggs
Staff: Overholser, Timm
Others: Tyler Knutson, Kerry Netzke, Luke Olsen, Jolene Johnson, Gary Laleman, Tom, Andries

1. **Call to Order**
   1.1. Set Agenda **Buysse moved to approved. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
   2.1. Dorthy Zimmerman – Marble 12 **Olsen moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   2.2. Fred Rabaey – Eidsvold 15/21/22 **Briggs moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   2.3. David Loe – Lucus 8 **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Public Comments and Reports**
   3.1. Public Comments- None
   3.2. Manager Reports- None
   3.3. Technical Reports- Timm gave report.
   3.4. Administrative Report- Overholser gave report.

4. **Old Business**
   4.1 Hauschild Sign- 1455.31 **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen Seconded.**

5. **New Business**
   5.1. 1W1P Midpoint Planning Grant – Overholser would like the authority to apply for and if accepted, the authority to sign the grant agreement for a $50,000 Midpoint planning grant being offered through BWSR. The grant would be used to have the SAMs model ran with implementation data and to have work done that would assess plan progress and where focus should be to meet the plan goals. **Buysse moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   5.2. 1W1P Administration Discussion – The PWG partners have some concerns about the administration of the 1W1P plan. The partners asked that District staff evaluate the workload and determine if they feel they can effectively administer the plan, if outside help is warranted, or if job duties can be adjusted so the Administrator can focus more time to the 1W1P, preferably at least 1 day a week. Overholser reported that herself and Timm had discussions

regarding this, and they feel that there are duties that can be moved from the administrator to the technician. Timm will now be responsible for the majority of the ditch administration, all permitting, including reviewing and commenting on other agency requests for permit or project reviews.

5.3. Cost-Share Policy update – A committee from the PWG reviewed the cost share policy and is recommending changes to the non-structural practices part of the policy. The changes were presented to the Policy committee, and they are recommending the changes as presented to the board. In summary, the changes are increasing the payment rate for cover crops and reduced tillage. The District will set this flat rate amount annually. The other notable change is including language to specifically authorize payment for conserving use acres at a flat rate of $150/ac with a maximum of 20 acres. **Buysse moved to approve the policy as presented with one change in Section III part C, should read unless recommended by instead of recommend. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. 2023 Flat Rate for Non-Structural practices:

5.4.1. Cover Crops - $50/ac for a single species, $60/ac for a multi species

5.4.2. Reduced Tillage - $30/ac

5.4.3. Combination of Cover Crops and Reduced Tillage and First time- $10/ac on top of the other flat rates

These are the rates that were reviewed and proposed by both the Planning Work Group and the Policy Committee. **Olsen moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

6.1. Otto – Marble 9 - $40,182 **Briggs moved to approve funding from the 2022/2023 WBIF Grant. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-011**

6.2. Gary Vanderostyne – Marble 15 - $11,225 **Buysse moved to approve funding from the 2022/2023 WBIF Grant. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-012**

6.3. Carr Farms – Nordland 6 - $36,823.55 **Volstad moved to approve funding from the 2022/2023 WBIF Grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-013**

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments

7.1. None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

May Board Meeting	Wed. 17th
WRAPS Results Meeting	Wed. 3rd 9:00 a.m. Virtual