



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District



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Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse 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 Buysse
Treasurer Tim Dritz
Public Relations Elmo Volstad

Others present: Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
Brooke Buysse, Yellow Medicine SWCD/Watershed
Gary Laleman, Lyon SWCD Board
Gary Crowley, Lyon County Commissioner

Set Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Dritz moved to approve the agenda. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2018)

Minutes were reviewed and requested change of the date at the top of the minutes from the April meeting date to the May date.

Volstad moved to approve the minutes with the listed changes. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Treasurer's Report

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Balance Sheet
 - Profit and Loss Report
 - Warrants to be Paid
- Total Liabilities and Equity = \$537,659.63
Net Income = \$445,141.74
Total Warrants = \$6,752.34

Outstanding warrants to be paid include:

- Jim Wambeke
 - Century Tel
 - Bankcard Center
 - One Office Solution
 - TD Ameritrade, Inc
 - Select Account
 - Bank Card Center
 - Bolton & Menk, Inc.
 - Gene Verschelde
 - League of MN Cities Insurance
 - IRS
 - PERA
- Rent =\$500.00
Phone/Internet=\$117.25
Office Supplies= \$615.83
Copier Contract= \$14.68
May Retirement= \$300.00
May HRA= \$500.00
4/15-5/24/18=\$1,457.41
Design and Construction Engineering for
County Ditch 39= \$615.00
Lock Repair= \$25.00
Insurance=\$4,023.00
IRS=\$1,047.08
PERA=\$652.50



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- MN Department of Revenue

Taxes=\$177.00

Dritz moved to pay the warrants and approve the treasurer's report. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Permits to Approve –

Mark Boulton-Alta Vista 5

Permit was previously approved with the condition that tile does not cross the sub watershed line. Applicant now wants to lengthen tile lines and cross sub watershed boundaries.

Dritz moved to table and explore other options and where other existing tile was in place for options of keeping drainage within sub watersheds. Also, drainage will also be looked at in regards to contributing to the flooding in Porter.

Paul Neisius- Normania 1

Application is for a small portion of tile crossing a sub watershed.

Tabled to discuss more options with landowners in regards to tile intakes, outlets, and crossing water lines.

Robert Jelen- Burton 9

This applicant is already benefitted into the ditch system and discussion was held on installing new outlets.

Condition: Must use and existing outlets and that adding new outlets would require further approval.

Jeff Van Keulen- Norland 13

This project would exceed the drainage coefficient during the construction process; after construction is completed the project would meet the drainage coefficient standard.

Condition: Drainage control boxes need to be put in within a year time to control drainage.

Lyon County Highway Department

The county is working on road maintenance and repairing/replacing bridges.

Don Woods/City of St. Leo- Omro 32

Old tile line is not correctly placed and he wants to place a new tile line closer to the houses. The new tile will outlet into the trees. The city of St. Leo and Don Woods have an agreement in place that the can install a new tile on city property as long as the homeowners pay for the project. Discussion was held on intakes locations and type of intakes to be installed.

Condition: The intakes installed will need to be the AgriDrain straw intakes.

Dritz moved to approve the listed permits with the approved conditions. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.



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Old Business – Hoffman

There was a letter that was sent last month via certified mail that was received and signed for by Corey Hoffman. Hoffman was supposed to respond within 10 days of receiving the letter. No contact has been made with the watershed office. The board discussed what the next step will be. The board decided to contact another attorney locally to serve as back up counsel when Engels is unable to represent the District due to a conflict of interest.

Old Business – Nielson

This was a complaint that the wind tower company was altering the watershed flow. Contractors contacted our office and have identified 116 locations that need to be repaired due to wash outs, but had not had all 116 locations approved. The company is making rock crossings to restore the watershed flow paths. The property with the tower adjacent to Nielson's has 2-3 crossing that have been approved and will be among the first to be completed. EDF had the tile lines cleaned of sediment due to road washouts. Once repairs are complete the company will have met the requirements of their permit.

Old Business – Hauschild Dam

Trees are now plugging the outlet of the dam. It appears that the landowner south of the structure removes some trees from the reservoir and piled them along the shore. Someone also attempted to burn the logs while wet. These actions may have caused grass/seeding damages. The easement for this property stated that livestock inclusion fencing must be maintain 1 rod away from the pool's edge, at this point it appears to be pastured up to the edge of the pool. More legal guidance is needed.

Old Business – Norland 6 Project

Construction is planned to start today and is planned to be done by the end of June.

Old Business –MAWD Request for committee participation from Managers & Administrators

Gave permission for Michelle to volunteer for committees.

Old Business – Summer Tour

Volstad will be attending two days for sure and possibly the third day. He will contact Michelle if he is not attending the third day.

Buyse will more than likely be attending all three days.

Dritz will be attending all three days.

Old Business – Ditch 1 Culverts

Have different options: 1) only maintain watershed branches 2) repair all that are failing since they impact our ditch 3) repair our branches and require landowners to repair theirs. The board held discussion on how to approach the culvert replacements. It was decided to send out notices to all landowners that maintenance will need to be done on Ditch 1 system and report damaged outlets both public and private that need to be worked on. Landowner input would be appreciated on how policy should be written for future maintenance.



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New Business – Lincoln Co. Ditch Extension

Due to unfavorable weather conditions the engineer and company would like an extension of 30 days to complete construction. Discussion was held on the extension and how not meeting the June 15th deadline does not allow farmers to plant soybeans and harvest a crop.

Discussion was tabled to determine what the liabilities would be if we would extend or to refuse.

New Business –James Lietz- Ash Lake 16/21

Downstream landowner claims he never signed a permit allowing drainage onto his land resulting in his land is flooding. The ditch authority went out to look at the site and noticed there are willows growing above the tile line that could possibly be plugging it. Trees will be removed and tile line fixed hoping to resolve the issue.

New Business –WD 17- Culvert Crossing

The crossing is unusable and discussion was held to determine if the ditch is watershed responsibility or not. According to the watershed map it states that the culvert is in fact watershed responsibility. Dale Sterzinger from Lincoln SWCD suggested a culvert company in South Dakota.

Dritz moved to replace the culvert to the original plans and specs. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business – Burton 36- Complaint of Excess Water

US Fish & Wildlife put in a structure to collect water and caused water to back up onto a neighboring landowner.

New Business –1W1P Update & SWCD/WD Agreement

All SWCDs, watershed districts, MCIT, and John Engels have reviewed it. This agreement will hold each other accountable for their own portion. An excel sheet has also been created to track all projects within the watershed. So far there has only been one project and will go before the policy committee in August for approval.

Dritz moved to approve Michelle to enter into the agreement. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Other Business – Future Events

June 19	All Day	Redwood/Cottonwood Canoe Trip
June 20-22	2 Day	Summer Tour
July 9	9:00am	Regular Meeting-YMRWD in Minneota

Public Comment, Reports, and Adjournment

Crowley provided a report
Laleman provided a report
Administration and Managers provided reports

At 11:27 a.m. Dritz moved to adjourn the meeting. Volstad seconded. Motion carried 2-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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John Boulton

8/13/18

Secretary John Boulton

Date

Minutes prepared by Brooke Buysse and Michelle Overholser

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 9, 2018 at the District Office.