



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District



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Regular Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse at 9:01 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
Secretary John Boulton

Others present: Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
Brooke Buysse, Yellow Medicine SWCD/Watershed
Gary Crowley, Lyon County Commissioner
Gary Laleman, Lyon SWCD Board
Jeff Van Keulen
Steve Bottleberghe
Ditch 1 Shareholders

Set Agenda

Dritz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (July 9, 2018)

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Dritz moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Balance Sheet
- Profit and Loss Report
- Warrants to be Paid
- Ditch Balance Report

Total Liabilities and Equity = \$503,528.19
Net Income = \$42,001.18
Total Warrants = \$91,657.72
Total Net Income = \$41,356.18

Outstanding warrants to be paid include:

- Jim Wambeke
- Century Tel
- Bolton & Menk, Inc
- Cooreman Contracting, Inc.
- A & C Excavating, Inc.
- Bankcard Center
- Lincoln SWCD
- Net Point
- One Office Solution
- VK Services
- Yellow Medicine SWCD

Rent =\$500.00
Phone/Internet=\$117.16
Ditch 39 \$7632.50
Ditch 39 Project= \$14,057.20
Norland 6 = \$61,347.44
Credit Card=\$2266.02
May – June=\$1183.14
Web Hosing=\$31.85
1W1P equipment=\$560.29
Jan. – July=\$99.20
April – June=\$3738.24

Volstad moved to pay the warrants and approve the treasurer's report. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.



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Permits to Approve – Jeff Van Keulen- Nordland 13: asked to revisit condition

This permit was previously approved with a condition of installing water control structures before all tile is installed. Van Keulen came into address why he is asking for the board to revisit the condition. The board discussed the condition and decided to stand by their prior decision.

Permits to Approve-Tom Boulton – Alta Vista 14

Adding tile that would cross a subwatershed divide. The amount of tile being added is minimal. In order to outlet without crossing into a different subwatershed he would need to cross 6 landowners. Discussion concluded the cost associated with outletting the other direction would be an undue hardship and the receiving water body would be the same. His request to cross the HUC12 boundary seems reasonable under the circumstances.

Permits to Approve – Edward Nissen – Ash lake 31

Adding tile to an existing system that outlets into WD 17. No concerns were voiced as long as he is benefitted into the system.

Permits to Approve – Randy Westphal – Wergeland 6

Project will bring some water from the inside the political boundary of the LqP-YB Watershed. The board has no concerns since this is just adding a small amount of tile onto an already existing system that drains the same direction. Only conditions is to coordinate with LqP-YB WD to make sure they have no concerns.

Permits to Approve – Kaye Christensen – Norman 7

NRCS designed terrace and catchment basin. There are no concerns with this project.

Dritz moved to approve permits with conditions if any. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment, and Reports

Crowley provided a report

Administration and Managers provided reports

Old Business – Hoffman Update/Action

Overholser was contacted by Mr. Hoffman this morning. He stated that the earlier permit in question is in the mail and was enquiring if it had been received yet. Overholser reported she had not seen it.

Volstad moved to proceed with a cease and desist order if Overholser does not receive the other permit within 10 days or if once the permit is received she determines that the permit has no bearing on the issue. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.



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Old Business – Hauschild Dam-Update

Steve Bottleberghe, in attendance, voiced his concern about some tile that outlets into the reservoir. The tile was put in before most of the current board members and staff were with the district. At the time it was put in there was an agreement that if the water levels in the reservoir reach the top of the tower, this tile line would be shut off. The inlet to the tile is approximately the same elevation as the tower, as a result if the water level reaches this point it would backflow and potentially flood Mr. Bottleberghe's land. The original agreement was that the District would be responsible for shutting off the tile line.

Dritz moved for the Administrator to have the authority to shut the valve or to designate another staff member to preform the shut off, when conditions warrant it. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Overholser reported that the situation with the tree debris has not been taken care of yet. The trash track still needs to be cleaned and there is still piles of debris on the banks.

Dritz moved to offer Moore \$500.00 cost-share if all the trees are removed by Oct. 1st. If he is not interested, then the administrator is authorized to have Thompson remove trees up to the cost of \$2500.00. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Old Business –Kaczmarek/Cherp

Neighbor tiled and has an outlet 10 feet away from the line fence, at the current time our office cannot find a permit for such a project. There were also comments made about there being an unpermitted berm out there as well. Overholser spoke to both landowners and located the permits for activity in question. She told the landowners she would pull all the permits from that section and if needed invite the landowners to the next meeting and preform a site visit after harvest.

Old Business – Burton Lake update

The dike was removed within the allotted time. The fine has not been received yet.

Old Business - Lincoln Co. Ditch 39 – Update

Project is complete, we should be able to schedule the final acceptance hearing at the next meeting. Anticipated hearing date is at the October meeting.

Old Business – Nordland 6 – Update

Netzke reported that the project is almost complete. The total project cost was \$68,530.44. She will be putting in for the reimbursement from BWSR.

Boulton moved to approve payment. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business – Advisory Meeting Agenda

Overholser reported that she has been working on agenda and a short presentation. Agenda items include budget, levy, ditch inspection schedule, and proposed rule changes. Board wanted Overholser to look into doing the budget and levy hearing at the Advisory meeting.

Old Business – Ditch 17 repair

Overholser reported that the culvert had been ordered but it has not been delivered yet.



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Old Business – Francis Engels – Limestone 20

Last month the board approved a permit to be granted to Engels for some water to be discharged through his tile line from a wind tower that was sealing an artesian aquifer that was opened during construction. The plan to seal and slow the water leaving the aquifer was unsuccessful and he will not be getting that permit after all. At this time, it is unknown what the wind tower company is going to do.

New Business –Ditch 1 repairs

Ditch 1 stakeholders were invited to come to the meeting to participate in how the needed repairs should be completed. It was discussed whether private outlets into the ditch should be mandated to also be taken care of at the time or if landowners should be given the opportunity to replace the outlets themselves. The landowners/stakeholders also requested that we preform a ditch clean out where needed.

Dritz moved to start the inspection/repair process. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business –Ditch 4 repair

Overholser reported that she had received a notification that there had been some soil collapse along a culvert under a field crossing. There was some discussion over whether this crossing was private or a District crossing. Overholser said she would check the as-built to confirm the field access designation. The board also discussed a preauthorized dollar amount for the Administrator to spend for minor ditch repairs.

Dritz moved to authorized the Administrator up to \$500 to spend on ditch repairs. Volstad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business – 2019 Budget and Levy

Overholser presented a proposed budget and a proposed levy for 2019. She recommended not increasing the levy. The board would like the budget presented to the advisory committee for comment at the August 23rd meeting.

Cost-Share 1W1P – Dennis Jerzak

The board has no concerns with the project.

Cost-Share 1W1P - Tim Jerzak

The board has no concerns with the project.

Dritz moved to approve both cost-share contracts. Boulton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business – Future Events

September 10th	9:00am	Regular Meeting-YMRWD in Minneota
August 16		Viewers Association Meeting - Alexandria
August 16		Drain Management Workshop
August 23	6:00pm	Advisory Committee Meeting Date and Budget Meeting



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Adjournment

Dritz moved to adjourn the meeting. Volstad seconded. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary John Boulton

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 September 10, 2018 at the District Office.