



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2020

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
Secretary Elmo Volstad
Treasurer Tim Buysse

Others present: Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator
Gary Crowley, Lyon County
Gary Laleman, Lyon SWCD
Bruce VanKeulen
Terry Schreiber
Dean Buysse
Jon Buysse

Set Agenda

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

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (December 16, 2019)

Volstad moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Overholser presented the following reports:

- Profit and Loss Report
 - Net Income = \$-52094.32
 - Total Expenses = \$52094.42
- Outstanding warrants to be paid:
 - Century Tel & Cell phone
 - Phone/Internet=\$209.17
 - Netpoint
 - Webhosting 2020=\$107.40
 - One Office Solution
 - Copier/copies=\$8.50
 - Jim Wambeke
 - Rent=\$700.00
 - Payroll/PerDiems
 - Salaries/periderms=\$6739.80
 - Payroll Liabilities
 - Taxes/Benefits/Retirement=\$3098.49
 - Board and Staff
 - Mileage/expenses=\$1011.88
 - Bankcard Center
 - Credit Card=\$4648.56
 - Beaver Control
 - Bounty=\$270.00

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

Organization Business

Election of Officers – **Buysse moved to keep it the same. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
Designation of Official Depository, Newspaper, Legal Counsel – **Volstad moved to keep them the same. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
Designation of Regular Meeting date and time – **Kamrath moved to keep the meetings at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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Board Assignment – Area II, Dritz. Lyon Parks, Buysse. 1W1P Policy Committee, Briggs-primary, Kamrath-Alternate. Per Diem, Mileage – IRS mileage at \$0.575/mile. Per Diem - \$75 for a meeting, \$125 for a full day.

Permits – Blazing Star Substation

The substation was constructed outside the property lines and also needed to have a tile line installed. At this point the substation is not part of the whole Blazing Star 2 application. Overholser recommended denying the permit and asking them to submit updated plans and documentation.

Briggs moved to deny the permit. Volstad seconded. Dritz abstained and was not at the table for the discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Permits – Blazing Star 1 & 2

Overholser feels that these permits are ready for approval. There has been some concern that in the past when tile lines have been damaged during construction they are not always fixed in a timely manner. Discussion was had if the permits should have a condition on them that any damaged tile must be fixed and the trenched closed within 72 hours.

Volstad moved to approve the permit with the above stated conditions. Buysse seconded. Dritz abstained from the discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment, and Reports

Michelle Overholser gave a report.

Old Business – 2020/2021 WBP Grant

Overholser updated the board on the progress of applying for the next round of watershed-based performance grant funding. The application was submitted and the funds should be available soon.

New Business – Campaign Finance Forms

Reminded to the board to submit their campaign finance forms.

New Business – Legislative Days

Overholser would like to confirm who will be attending legislative days.

New Business – Dean Buysse

Buysse is interested on putting in a private ditch. He is working with neighboring landowners and most attended the meeting. No one voiced any opposition to the creation of the ditch as long as it is professionally designed and they are given a chance to comment on the design before construction begins. The board did not see any concerns that would prevent them from approving the project.

1W1P Cost-share Contracts – Garrett Cole

Project in Stony Run 9, Overholser recommends funding.



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1W1P Cost-Share Payments

Partial payment of \$5694.30 to Frank Engels, final payment of \$9646.33 to Jim Opdahl, final payment of \$8517.40 to Kevin Buysse, and final payment of \$4430 to Doug Anderson. All the work has been completed and the correct forms and information submitted.

Buysse moved to approve the contract and the payment presented. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – Future Events

Dates to Note:

Spring Drainage Meeting	March 16 th
Legislative Days	March 18-19 th
Nitrogen Smart	Multiple days/sessions

Adjournment

Dritz called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elmo Volstad

2/17/20

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 February 17, 2020 at the District Office.