



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

April 20, 2020

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Dritz at 9:00 a.m.

Overholser was present at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (YMRWD) Office at 122 North Jefferson Street in Minneota, MN.

- 1.1 Motion to conduct meeting by Teleconference, Audio and Video options are available. Elmo made the motion, Briggs Seconded.

Briggs	<b>Yes</b>	Attend by Video and Audio
Buyse	<b>Yes</b>	Attend by Video and Audio
Dritz	<b>Yes</b>	Attend by Video and Audio
Kamrath	<b>Yes</b>	Attend by Video and Audio
Volstad	<b>Yes</b>	Attend by Video and Audio

- 1.2 Motion mad to Set Agenda  
Kamrath made the motion, Elmo seconded.

Briggs	<b>Yes</b>
Buyse	<b>Yes</b>
Dritz	<b>Yes</b>
Kamrath	<b>Yes</b>
Volstad	<b>Yes</b>

- 1.3 Review Procedures to conduct meeting by teleconference. All votes will be taken by role call.

- 1.4 Motion to Approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes  
Briggs made the motion to approve. Kamrath seconded.

Briggs	<b>Yes</b>
Buyse	<b>Yes</b>
Dritz	<b>Yes</b>
Kamrath	<b>Yes</b>
Volstad	<b>Yes</b>

- 1.5 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and a motion was made to approve. Treasurer's report is on file at the district office for review.

Elmo made the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kamrath seconded.

Briggs	<b>Yes</b>
Buyse	<b>Yes</b>
Dritz	<b>Yes</b>
Kamrath	<b>Yes</b>
Volstad	<b>Yes</b>

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## Permits to Approve

- 2.1 Dusty Linneman - Ash Lake 4 – Recommend to table until landowners are able to attend meeting  
Volstad moved to table the permit. Kamrath seconded.

Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Kamrath **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

- 2.2 Keith Regnier – Nordland 33  
No vote needed; this permit was on the agenda because a downstream landowner to the east had concerns about the set of berms being proposed on the east side of the Regnier property. Before the meeting, Regnier notified the office that he was not going to be putting in the set of berms to the east. The other project to the west, has the needed signatures.

- 2.3 Dean Buysse – Ditch project  
Approved with conditions that the ditch meets with the approval of the downstream affected landowners and that it will not just dump water onto the downstream landowner. This could be accomplished by cleaning the existing ditch, or by construction the new ditch all the way to the public water.  
Briggs made the motion to approve with conditions. Kamrath seconded.

Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Kamrath **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

## Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Manager Reports  
3.2 Administrator's Report

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## Old Business

- 4.1 Blazing Star After-the-Fact Permit Fee  
Dritz Abstained from discussion.  
Briggs moved to assess the after-the-fact permit fee of \$750.00 for each of the Blazing Starr One and Blazing Star Two projects. Volstad seconded.

Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz Abstained  
Kamrath **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

## New Business

- 5.1 Lake John Haying Bids  
Two bids came into the office by the deadline. Overholser opened the sealed bids in the Minneota office. One bid was for \$850/year, which comes to \$42.50/acre. The other bid was for \$51.00/acre or \$1020/year. Volstad moved to accept the higher bid. Kamrath seconded

Briggs Abstained  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Kamrath **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

- 5.2 Berm Complaint – The district got a complaint that a landowner had constructed a berm that was preventing water from flowing in its natural overland path. Overholser visited the site and took pictures which were shown at the meeting. There doesn't seem to be anything obstructing the flow of water from the east to the west. The culvert was freely flowing and water was entering the tile system in the east road ditch.

## YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1 Frank Bednarek – Royal 4, 5, 9  
The board approved the costshare contract for Bednarek.

Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Kamrath **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

## Adjourned

### Dates to Note:

Regular Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>

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