



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 18, 2020

### Call to Order

- 1.1 Motion to conduct meeting by Teleconference  
**Elmo moved to conduct meeting by Teleconference. Buysse Seconded.**  
Briggs **Yes** Attend by Video and Audio  
Buysse **Yes** Attend by Video and Audio  
Dritz **Yes** Attend by Video and Audio  
Volstad **Yes** Attend by Video and Audio
  
- 1.2 Set Agenda  
**Briggs moved to approve agenda. Volstad seconded.**  
Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**
  
- 1.3 Review Procedures to conduct meeting by teleconference
  
- 1.4 April Regular Meeting Minutes  
**Buysse moved to approve. Briggs seconded.**  
  
Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**
  
- 1.5 Treasurer's Report  
**Elmo moved to approve the report. Briggs seconded.**  
  
Briggs **Yes**  
Buysse **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

### Permits to Approve

2.1

### Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Manager Reports  
Dritz Reported on some issues local landowners have had with Excel.
- 3.2 Tech Report
- 3.3 Administrator's Report

### Old Business

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- 4.1 Dean Buysse – Private Ditch – Just a quick update on this project

## New Business

- 5.1 Corey Hoffman – Wergeland 14 We got a complaint the Mr. Hoffman was digging a trench from the public water in order to divert the flow and direct it towards his neighbor to the south. This is probably also a DNR violation and possibly a federal and state wetland violation since the ground he was trenching through has a wetland designation. All those organizations have been notified of the issue. This activity would have required a permit from the Watershed since it is creating drainage and altering flow.

**Briggs moved to have Overholser send out a letter that this violates District rules and to give Mr. Hoffman a chance to respond. Volstad seconded.**

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

- 5.2 WD 5 – There is a branch that is listed as tile on our Asbuilts and in the field it is a shallow open ditch. I would like some guidance on if there is anything, we need to do in order to reconcile this discrepancy. Overholser is going to look into the matter closer. It appears as if this is an open branch on 5.
- 5.3 WD 8 – The landowner to the east of this ditch is paying benefits but does not have access. The Asbuilts indicate that there should be a tile line from the end of the ditch to his property line. It looks as if there is more of a shallow ditch or grass waterway. He would like to either see a tile line put in or the open ditch extended to the property line. Jeremiah did this site visit and can explain what it looks like out there. Overholser is going to look into this further and verify if a tile line is supposed to be there.
- 5.4 Central NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant – Central is applying for a grant for the area and is asking local partners to assist with the match for the grant. I am sending out a letter that talks a little more about what the project is. They are mostly asking for some in kind time to this grant. This would be done in staff and technical time. They are asking for about a 100 hours per partner.  
The board discussed that they do not feel participating in this program would be a good use of our time. They are not going to authorized

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- 5.5 Motion to allow Michelle the authority to approve ditched repairs and Maintenance up to \$2000.

**Elmo moves to allow Michelle the authority, Briggs seconded.**

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

## YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1 Brandon Kraus – Royal 25 \$432.63  
6.2 Randy Kraus – Burton 35 \$1297.80

**Briggs moved to approve the contract to the amount that doesn't exceed 90% of the total cost. Volstad Seconded.**

Briggs **Yes**  
Dritz **Yes**  
Volstad **Yes**

YM1W1P Payments

## Adjourn

### Dates to Note:

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

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