



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Meeting Minutes November 13, 2017

### 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  
Vice President James Kraus  
Treasurer Tim Dritz  
Secretary John Boulton

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

### Approval of the Agenda

**Boulton moved to approve the agenda with no changes. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (October 9, 2017)

**Dritz moved to approve the minutes. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Treasurer's Report

Javens presented the following reports:

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| • Balance Sheet          | Total Liabilities and Equity = \$210, 897.79 |
| • Profit and Loss Report | Net Income = -\$27, 392.29                   |
| • Warrants to be Paid    | Total Warrants = \$18,796.27                 |
| • Ditch Balance Report   | Total net Income = -\$14,686.30              |

Outstanding warrants to be paid include:

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| • Bankcard Center       | Credit Card = \$1,224.98                         |
| • Bolton & Menk, Inc.   | Ditch 38 & 39 Engineering Services = \$14,134.50 |
| • Century Tel           | Phone and Internet = \$116.87                    |
| • Jacob Hoffman         | 5 Beavers = 150.00                               |
| • Jim Wambeke           | Rent = \$500.00                                  |
| • John Engels, Attorney | Attorney Fees = 1,819.00                         |
| • Minneota Mascot       | Advertisement = 16.12                            |
| • One Office Solution   | Copier Charges and paper = \$80.45               |
| • Rinke Noonan          | Legal Services for Ditch 39 = \$120.00           |
| • Smith Partners        | Legal Advice for Wergeland 14 = 634.35           |

**Dritz moved to pay the warrants and file the treasurer's report. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**



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## Old Business – Wergeland 14 Permit Conditions Complaint

Discussion continued on the Wergeland 14 complaint. The Board directed staff to talk to the DNR to see if a water appropriations permit is needed for the pumps that are installed. Since Dritz and Kraus said they needed to abstain from the vote, no action could be taken with only two other members present. The item is therefore tabled to a future meeting when enough board members are present to make a decision on how to move forward.

## New Business – Request for Permit: Alta Vista 5 Diversion (Boulton)

The permit proposed was a tiling project that would transfer water from Mud Creek Watershed to North Branch YMR Watershed. The board discussed the area where the project was being proposed and took into consideration the flooding issues in the North Branch YMR Watershed. The Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan has a focus on this particular area and its flooding issues.

**Dritz moved to deny the watershed diversion. Krause seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – Request for Permit: Red Pine Wind

Recap of the progress has been provided by Emily. She has been working with Red Pine Wind on bringing the storm water pond into compliance. The board discussed that there should be an after-the-fact permit fee should be issued for conducting work without a permit.

**Boulton moved to give Emily permission to approve the permit when it meets the correct standards and issue a fee of \$750 to both owner and contractor. Kraus seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – WD-5 Petition for Outlet (Jerry Pridal)

Pridal would like to be assessed into the ditch system. Discussion was held on how many acres were being added and who is responsible for ditch viewing fees.

**Boulton moved to approve the petition and have Emily looking into who pays for ditch viewing. Dritz seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – MN Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Resolutions

This year's resolutions were reviewed and discussed by the board. Board members were chosen to represent and vote for the resolutions at MAWD.

**Dritz moved to have Kraus and Buysse be delegates with Dritz as the alternate. Boulton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

## New Business – Photos for Website

Photos of the board members are needed for the Yellow Medicine River Watershed website. Photos will be taken Monday (November 20) after the interviews have taken place.



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## New Business – Administration Interviews

There are two applicants to be considered for the Administration position. The interviews will be held Monday (November 20) at 3:30 and 4:30pm at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office in Minneota.

## Other Business – Future Events

November 20	Interviews for YMRWD Administrator
November 30-December 2	Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts
December 11	Next Board Meeting

## Public Comment, Reports, and Adjournment

Javens provided a verbal update of the past month’s activities.  
Boulton offered an update on the Area 2 meeting  
Crowley gave a review of the ditch mowing meeting held in Marshall last week.

**At 10:35 a.m. Boulton moved to adjourn the meeting. Dritz seconded. Motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

***John Boulton***

Secretary John Boulton

***12/11/2017***

Date

*Minutes prepared by Brooke Buysse*

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 11, 2017 at the District Office.**