Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025, Wednesday 08:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm
Board Members Present: Faith Olsen, Bill Briggs, Randy Kamrath, Tim Buysse
Others Present: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:11 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
   1.1. Set Agenda **Buysse moved to approve the agenda. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.2. Dec. Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve December Regular Meeting minutes with the addition of the word "farther" added to 2.1. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.4. Organization Business
      1.4.1. Rotation of officers

President – Bill Briggs (Yellow Medicine)
Vice President- Tim Buysse (Lyon)
Treasurer – Darwyn Bach (Yellow Medicine)
Secretary - Faith Olsen (Lincoln)
Public Relations – Randy Kamrath (Lincoln)

Kamrath moved to approve officer positions. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1.4.2. Designation of Official Depository - Board chose to continue to use BMO as the Official Depository. **Olsen moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
1.4.3. Designation of Official Newspaper - Board chose to continue with the Minneota Mascot as the Official Newspaper. **Kamrath moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
1.4.4. Designation of Legal Counsel – Board chose to continue with Engels & Larson, PLLC for official Legal Counsel. **Olsen moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
1.4.5. Board Assignments –Board distributed committee assignments -One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Bill Briggs 1W1P Alternate – Faith Olsen **Olsen moved to approve Board Assignments. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
1.4.6. Per Diem, mileage, Reimbursement Rates – Board set Per Diems to $125 per meeting, $20 per hour for hourly work performed for the watershed, mileage set to match the IRS mileage rate and reimbursement of presented receipts. **Buysse moved to approve Per diem, milage and reimbursement rate. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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2. Permits to Approve

2.1. None

3. Public Comments and Reports

3.1. Public Comments – Gary Laleman provided update regarding two new Board Members for the Lyon County SWCD.

3.2. Manager Reports - None

3.3. Technical Reports- Timm provided updates regarding work done on Ditch 1 and Ditch 4 and permitting activities.

3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser updated board on grant reporting and 1W1P reporting .

4. Old Business

4.1 None

5. New Business

5.1. COLA– Board discussed COLA for 2025 and decided on a 3.5% COLA. **Olsen moved to approve. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.2. MN Watershed Dues **Buysse moved to approve payment for MN Watershed Dues. Olsen Seconded.**

5.3. Legislative Days **Olsen moved to approve that all board members may attend Legislative Days. Buysse Seconded**

5.4. Amendment of November minutes **Olsen moved to approve the amended November Minutes. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

6.1. None

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 24/25

7.1. None

8. Close Meeting for Administrator Review

Adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Feb. Board Meeting	Wed. February 19st 8:00 a.m. Michelle will attend virtually
Policy Meeting	Monday February 3th 9:00 a.m.
Legislative Days	Wednesday, Feb. 19 to 20
Drainage Inspectors	Thursday, March 6th 8:00 a.m.