



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING Agenda

August 15th, 2022, Monday 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Kamrath, Olsen, Buysse, Briggs, Volstad

Staff: Overholser, Timm

Public: Gary Crowley, Gary Laleman, Dominick Gregoire

Call to Order

- 1.1 Set Agenda **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2 July. Regular Meeting Minutes. **Volstad moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3 Treasurer's Report **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Budget Hearing

Present proposed 2023 budget – Overholser presented the proposed 2023 budget and is recommending no levy increase at this time.

Open Comments – Public comments including inquiring why the payroll expenses were up from what was budgeted last year. Overholser responded that at the time of setting last year's budget it was not known what the COLA increase was going to be or what the health insurance premium was going to look like. The COLA in 2022 was higher than anticipated and a lot of that increase is what is reflected in the larger expense.

Board Discussion – The Board discussed increasing the amount budgeted to education by \$5,000. During COVID, a lot less was spent on education, and we are expecting that to change as more in person events are now happening. **Briggs moved to approve the budget with the education amount at \$15,000. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

Permits to Approve

2.1 Dominick Gregoire - Normania 14 – private ditch closure. Gregoire would like to close a private ditch that runs through his property and replace it with an 18" tile line and outlets into a public water. The immediate downstream landowner has concerns. The PW that serves as the outlet, joins up with WD16 downstream. The concern is that WD16 may not be able to accommodate an increase in peak flow. If WD16 were cleaned out, he would not have any objections. The downstream landowner also has tile that outlet into the private ditch, but it is understood that any tile that currently outlets into the ditch will be attached to the new 18" line and that his drainage will be maintained. WD16 currently has proposals out to contractors for cleaning and repair and is expected to get done as soon as contractor availability allows. If the concerned downstream landowner did not have tile outleting into the current private ditch, he would not have been identified as a impacted landowner since current policy it to only consider landowners between the outlet and a public system or a public water. **Briggs moved to approve the permit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment and Reports

- 3.1 Public Comment
- 3.2 Manager Reports
- 3.3 Administrator's Report
- 3.4 Tech Report

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Old Business

- 4.1 John Antony Omro 29 permit – Overholser and Timm presented the board with the past permits and information they could find regarding the parcels involved. The private lines that cross over into Antony’s parcel were permitted and the work was permitted. It is the boards conclusion after reviewing the previous permits, that right to access the existing lines was granted. **Olsen moved to approve the permit. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

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YM1W1P WBF Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1 Nibbe – Shaokatan 31 - \$55,320 **Buyse moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-009**
- 6.2 Hansen – Wood Lake – 13 - \$6,568.02 **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-010**
- 6.3 Gary Van Hyfte – Norman 34 - \$12,500.46 **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-011**
- 6.4 Gary Van Hyfte – Norman 34 - \$24,715.80 **Briggs moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-012**
- 6.5 Heartland Properties – Burton – 29 - \$12,217.50 **Volstad moved to approve. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-013**
- 6.6 Gorecki – Eidsvold – 32- \$31,852.17 This project is over the 30K threshold that is set in the cost share policy, because of that the board will table the contract until the policy committee can review it. **Olsen moved to table. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
Buyse moved to reopen this discussion and take it off the table. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Discussion was had that if this project had been seen and recommended by the policy committee, the board would approve the contract. Therefore, the board would like Overholser to contact the policy committee and see if a meeting could be held to review this project.
Buyse moves to allow Overholser to approve the project if the policy committee recommends it for funding. Briggs seconded the motion. Motion carried. If approved the Contract # 2022-015
- 6.7 Cole – Stoney Run – 9 - \$6,871.50 **Volstad moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Contract # 2022-014**

YM1WIP Payments

- 6.8 None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

1W1P Policy	November 21 1:00 P.M.
Next Meeting	Sept. 19 th 9:00 a.m. YMRWD office.
Summer Tour	Aug. 23 th – 25 th

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