



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

August 16th, 2023, Wednesday Meeting to immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. Budget Hearing
Corrected minutes – Correction made in the 4/17/24 minutes

Board: Buysse, Kamrath, Briggs, Olsen

Staff: Overholser, Timm

Others: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman, Daryl Gregoire, Gerold Antony

9:00 a.m. 2024 YMRWD Budget Hearing

9:39 a.m. Budget Hearing

Michelle Overholser presented 2022 budget report of the previous year.

Overholser presented 2023 budget as of June 30th, 2023.

Overholser presented preliminary 2024 budget and expenses based on the current and previous budgets.

Overholser introduced a preliminary 2024 budget with levy increase with an increase in the project budget. Discussion took place between board members regarding the presented increase. Board agreed to increase levy by 20K. Briggs moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Overholser presented ditch accounts. Board agreed a WD 1 ditch levy by \$5,000 to accommodate upcoming repairs and a WD 8 levy of \$15,000 due to the cost of the clean out and the outlet fee assessed to WD8 from Lincoln Co. Ditch 29. Buysse moved to approve. Faith seconded. Motion passed.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Permits to Approve

- 2.1. John Antony – Omro 29 & 32 – 6” tile **Timm presented project and concerns of downstream landowner. Discussion took place between board members. No motions were made. Tabled for September board meeting after District receives information from BWSR or the SWCD.**

3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments **Tom Andries gave report on recent Lyon County news. Gary Laleman gave report on a special to air on 09/11/2023 on Pioneer TV on the Redwood Lake project.**
- 3.2. Manager Reports **Briggs gave report in regards to the discussion of potential joint coordination between the LQP watershed and the YMRWD. The board may be contacted to attend some future meetings.**
- 3.3. Technical Reports Timm gave report regarding recent dam work, future dam work, ditch projects for WD 1 and WD 16. Also gave brief report for Soil Health Field Day out in Luverne.
- 3.4. Administrative Report. Overholser gave report.



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4. Old Business

4.1 Lake John maintenance **Timm presented needed maintenance. Briggs moved to approve.**

Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 One Watershed One Plan grant and permissions – Overholser gave an update on the grants and asked the board for permission to authorize any non-structural contracts. Most of the contracts are for cover crops and are time sensitive. **Briggs moved to give Overholser the authority to authorize the contracts. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. New Business

5.1. Bank of the West Checking Account changes **Overholser presented account changes with Bank of the West changing to BMO. Board directed Overholser to investigate the changes and compare to other local banks and credit unions.**

5.2. Cost Share policy **Buyse moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.3. Replace Dam Signs **Olsen moved to approve. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. YMSWCD Soil Health Funding – YMSWCD asked if the District would have funding available to put towards some of there soil health practices in non-priority areas. After discussion they board didn't feel like this was something they could do.

5.5. Midpoint Planning Grant – **Buyse moved to authorize Overholser to administer and sign any documents needed for this grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.6. CRP Incentive Grant - **Briggs moved to authorize Overholser to administer and sign any documents needed for this grant. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.7. 2020/2021 WBIF Grant – **Olsen moved to authorize Overholser to make changes to the work plan in order to moved funds into priority BMPs from other categorizes that had not used the budgeted amount. Briggs seconded.**

5.8. 2022/2023 WBIF Grant – **Briggs moved to allow Overholser to approve any soil health cost share contracts that are submitted to the district before the next board meeting. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P 2022/2023 WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

6.1. Ben Jerzak – Limestone 19 – 340 Cover Crops \$33,429 **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.2. David Sterzinger – Ash Lake 15 – 340 Cover Crops \$3,729 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.3. Dale Sterzinger – Ash Lake 17 – 340 Cover Crops \$3,630 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.4. Fierview Dairy – Alta Vista & Marble – 340 Cover Crops \$135,168 **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.5. Gary Labat – Vallers 36 – 100 Alternative Intakes \$4500 **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6.6. William Jerzak – Limestone 18 – 638 \$10,440 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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- 6.7. Robert Gorecki – Alta Vista 14 – 638 \$8840 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.8. David Sterzinger – Ash Lake 19 – 638 \$6034 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.9. Scott Vizecky – Marble 16 – 638 \$9919 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.10. Jim Traen – Marble 23 – 410 - \$104,826- **Allow Overholser to authorize to approve contract if necessary if funds are available. Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.11. Adam Popowski- Limestone 19 – 340 Cover Crops \$19,800 **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments**
 - 7.1. Torke – 2020-031 - \$29,999 **With Condition that the check will be held until the updated contractor bill is submitted with the dates that the work was preformed - Olsen moved to approve the payment from the 2020/2021 grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 7.2. Nibbe – 2022-009 - \$55320 - **Allow Overholser to hold check until Area II informs Overholser project is complete. Olsen moved to approve payment from the 2022/2023 grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn - Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dates to Note:

September Board Meeting

Wednesday Sept. 20th 10:00 a.m.

MADI Conference

August 16th – 18th St. Cloud