



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

Board Members Present: Faith Olsen, Bill Briggs, Tim Buysse, Randy Kamrath, Darwyn Bach

Others Present: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman, Luke Olson

1. **Call to Order :** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:03 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. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. April Regular Meeting Minutes **Bach moved to approve the April Regular Meeting Minutes with the discussed corrections. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Buysse moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3.1. Grant update Overholser presented an updated on 2024-25 and 2022-23 WBIF grants.
2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. John Antony – Omro 32 – Timm presented the project. Discussion took place. **Olsen Moved to Table permit application. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 2.2. Ron Eischens – Omro 31 – Timm presented the project. **Kamrath moved to approve permit application. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments - none
 - 3.2. Manager Reports – Briggs has received praise regarding work done at Lake John.
 - 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm gave report on intake clean out at the Sonstegard dam, permit activities and the beaver bounty program.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report- Overholser presented launched website and reported on district business.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 K & R Farms Permit – 2023-064 – Overholser spoke about recent communication had with K & R Farms and they're contractor Maxx Drainage. The contractor reported that most of the field has been pattern tiled and 7 control structures were installed as part of the project. The project was designed to a 3/8th drainage coefficient. It was requested that when the project is completed that the as-builts are submitted to the office for review.
 - 4.2 Summer Tour – Last Call
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. Ditch Updates – Timm gave update on WD 16 public waters permit application. Timm presented submitted estimates for public tile outlet and culvert repairs for WD 7 and WD 17.



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Olsen moved to accept estimates from Groundworks Drainage for both WD 7 and WD 17. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2. Meeting dates for holidays- Next board meeting is scheduled to fall on a federally recognized holiday. **Olsen Moved to leave board meeting date the same and treat it has a floating holiday. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. Printer- Overholser presented options for a new office printer. **Olsen Moved to purchase printer with maintenance plan. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.4. Ditch 4 Garbage complaint – Overholser received phone call from Michael Grengs regarding construction materials blowing over into his field and into WD 4. Timm inspected the impacted area and confirmed that across the highway building materials are being stored on a homestead and similar materials were scattered throughout Grengs field and in WD 4. Timm plans to go out to WD 4 and remove the debris.
- 5.5. Lake John Road- Briggs proposed working with Norman Township to provide an annual service to maintain the access road and gravel as needed. The district will also look at adding gravel to the top of the dam road. **Buyse Moved to approve the work. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 22/23 grant

- 6.1. Gordon Albertson Amendment – 2023-007 The original contract was for \$33,712.47. When the tile work was completed, there was additional tile work that was needed causing the bill to be higher than the estimate. The amendment will increase the authorized amount to \$40,645.70 to cover the unforeseen increase in costs. **Kamrath moved to approve the amendment. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 grant

- 7.1. Pat Sarazyn – 2024-019 - Alta Vista 15 - \$6,163.50 **Olsen moved to approve contract. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 22/23 Grant

- 8.1. Gordon Albertson – 2023-007 Final payment of \$8,923.31 **Kamrath moved to approve payment. Buyse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

Dates to Note:

June Board Meeting	June, 19 th 8:00 a.m.
Ditch 17 & 7 Shareholder	May 13 th
Summer Tour	June 25 th – 26 th