



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

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

Others Present: Tom Andries

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tim Buysse at 8:04 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Olsen moved to approve the agenda. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. September Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve the September Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. Verkinderen – Normania 24 & 13 – Lift pump – Timm presented permit application for seepage lines and two solar lift pumps to be installed on existing lines which outlet into WD 16. Discussion took place regarding issues and common practices in this area. **Olsen moved to approve the permit application with the standard lift pump conditions. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously**
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments: Tom Andries provided update regarding Lyon County levy and proposed local cannabis ordinances.
 - 3.2. Manager Reports: None
 - 3.3. Technical Reports: Timm reported on permit activities and plans for end of year ditch inspections and dam work.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report: Overholser reported grant activities, and ordinary District business.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 None
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. New Primary Office Phone Service - Overholser held discussion regarding issues regarding Century Link as our Office Phone Service provider and suggested contracting with Verizon for office phone services. **Kamrath moved to approve changing office phone service providers. Buysse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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5.2. Signing Authority for 22/23 WBIF Grant Overholser is asking for permission to approve vouchers and initiate payment for any projects already approved for funding. **Olsen moved to approve. Buysse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously,**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 WBIF Grant

6.1. None

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 22/23 WBIF Grant

7.1. None

8. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 WBIF Grant

8.1. None

9. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Vouchers 22/23 WBIF Grant

9.1. Hennen – 2024-023 – 340- \$10,40.70

9.2. Kraus – 2023-036 – 340 - \$35,970

9.3. Jerzak – 2024-002 – 340 - \$60,000

9.4. Mathews – 2024 – 340 - \$8,574

Kamrath moved to approved contracts listed in 9.1 – 9.4. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – Olsen moved to adjourn. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 9:05 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Nov. Board Meeting

Nov. 20th 8:00 a.m.

MADI Spring Meeting

March 6th Willmar

Annual Meeting

Dec. 3rd to Dec. 6th

Buysse/Briggs/Olsen

Terms expiring end of December