



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Board: Volstad, Olsen, Kamrath, Briggs

Staff: Overholser, Timm

Others: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Set Agenda **Volstad moved to approved. Briggs 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. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Permits to Approve

- 2.1. David Loe – Normania 14 – Lift pump Discussion took place regarding pump location, existing tile lines and WD 16 conditions. **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2.2. Gerald VanDerostyne – Wergeland 20 Discussion took place regarding if the project would meet the drainage coefficient. It was determined that the project without the WASCOD or seepage lines would be over the 1/2" drainage coefficient allowed within YMRWD Rules. It is unclear if the landowner is planning on doing more tiling now that he isn't doing the WASCOD. A letter is being sent to the landowner letting them know that the permit application has been determined incomplete and is pending until a new and more complete proposed project map is provided.

3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments- Gary Laleman provided update regarding Lyon County Soil and Water new Facebook page and informed board of Boucher that Lyon SWCD sent out to Lyon Country residents.
- 3.2. Manager Reports- none reported
- 3.3. Technical Reports- Timm provided report on washout repair on WD 8, recent permit activity and ongoing permit-violation investigations.
- 3.4. Administrative Report- Overholser provided report regarding new Hauschild Dam sign, update on file review with BWSR and provided an FYI on a possible wildlife pond restoration in Section 23 of Marble Township designed by Area II.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 Summer Tour – Overholser provided information regarding dates and times and is asking that all board members let her know if they are attending by May 31st so that she can cancel unneeded rooms and get registration completed.



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5. New Business

- 5.1. June Meeting – Discussion took place to determine a new date for the June Board meeting since it overlaps with Summer Tour. Meeting Date changed to June 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the YMRWD Office. **Olsen moved to approve. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. Audit Agreement- **Olsen moved to approve. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. Lake John sign- Old Sign had fallen and is not reusable in its current condition. Replace it with 4' by 4' pvc sign. Board and staff are going to review if more signage may be necessary out there, as there has been some reports of damage due to individuals not staying on the paths. **Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.4. YMRWD Project fund/grant - Overholser presented a preliminary idea to use YMRWD project funds like a grant for conservation practices within the watershed inline with 1W1P goal to help local governments and landowners.
- 5.5. Spring Creek, Tree build up Normania 4 - Overholser presented landowner complaint of fallen down trees in river. This landowner had tried to contact Ms. Overholser via her work cell phone and the end of April, and during the discussion it was discovered that the landowner had contracted Mr. Kamrath and did not have to correct cell phone number for Ms. Overholser. After receiving the correct contact number, Overholser spoke to the landowner and conducted a site visit. Pictures were presented to the board. The issue is down trees in Spring Creek that have collected upstream of a township road box culvert. Discussion from the Board took place that township is to be contacted by landowner regarding concerns and that clearing this would be the townships responsibility.
- 5.6. Trees in Public waterways – Discussion took place regarding the issue of increased number of fallen trees in public waterways. While the Board agrees that cleaning these out can reduce erosion in some circumstances, it had been our policy that the primary responsibility for removing debris that is causing damage, would fall to the landowner of the adjacent land or the land being negatively impacted.

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1. Otto – Marble 9 - \$40,182 Cancel 2023-011 and authorize new contract **Volstad moved to approve funding from the 2023 WBIF Grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-014**
- 6.2. James Vanderostyne – Marble 15 - \$5409 **Briggs moved to approve funding from the 2021 WBIF Grant. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-015**
- 6.3. Todd Merritt – Alta Vista 17 - \$47421 **Briggs moved to approve funding from the 2021 WBIF Grant. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-016**
- 6.4. Kevin Swedzinski – 2023-008 Amendment - \$16,254.00 to \$21,609.00 **Olsen moved to approve funding from the 2022/2023 WBIF Grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Project given the contract number 2023-002**



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- 6.5. Hansen – 2022-010 – Approval to cancel and sign new contract due to the original contract not including a project completion date. **Olsen moved to authorize Overholser to cancel contract 2022-010 and approve the new contract, when the new contracts are signed and submitted. Contract number will stay the same. Volstad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.6. Heartland – 2022-013 – Approval to cancel and sign new contract due to the original contract not including a project completion date. **Volstad moved to authorize Overholser to cancel contract 2022-013 and approve the new contract, when the new contracts are signed and submitted. Contract number will stay the same. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments

- 7.1. None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

June Board Meeting

June 14th 10:00 a.m. Watershed district office

MADI Conference

August 16th – 18th St. Cloud

Summer Tour

June 20th – 21st Albert Lee