



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

April 17, 2024, Wednesday 10:00 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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 10:00 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Bach moved to approve the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. March Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. Dusty Linneman – Royal 20 - Dusty Linneman applied for a permit to tile in Royal Township Section 20. Timm presented project to board. Linneman was present and spoke to the board about project. Frank Remerowski was present and explained his concerns with Linneman's project. Discussion took place between the Board and landowners. **Bach moved to approve the permit. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 2.2. Austin Muhl – Eidsvold 22 and 27 – After the fact permit – Call was received from the Lyon SWCD on April 11th regarding a tiling project in Eidsvold Township Section 22. Timm performed a site visit and confirmed unpermitted tile was being installed. Muhl applied for an after-the-permit for the Eidsvold 22 project and a second project which occurred the same day in Eidsvold 27. Board considered the severity of the permit infraction and willingness of the applicant and proposed an after-the-fact permit fee of \$250 for both sections. **Olsen moved to approve the 250 dollar after-the-fact permit fee. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments – Gary Laleman provided update regarding a new no-till drill for rent through the Lyon SWCD.
 - 3.2. Manager Reports – Briggs provided update on recent 1W1P Policy meeting and Buysse spoke about the recent Water storage meetings.
 - 3.3. Technical Reports- Timm provided update on WD 16 progress with DNR public waters permit application. Timm presented images of the completed work by Rugged Tree Service at Lake John and the Hauschild-Thange Dam Intake. Porter Dam currently has branches in intake but is not backing up. Timm plans to continue to remove debris himself throughout the spring.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser provided updates for 1W1P projects, end of quarter state reporting and presented the launched website.



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4. Old Business

4.1 Personnel Policy – Overholser presented the updated Personnel Policy. **Bach moved to approve the Personnel Policy. Buysse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. New Business

5.1. Ditch Updates (FYI) - Timm provided ditch updates for Watershed Ditch 7 and Watershed Ditch 17.

5.2. Cost Share Policy – Perennial plantings – Overholser presented a proposed change to the Cost share policy for perennial plantings. **Bach moved to approve. Buysse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.3. Flat Rate for Perennial plantings **Bach moved to approve a flat rate of \$100/ac. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. Amendment to meeting minutes 8/16/2023 – In the 8/16/2023 minutes there were agenda items that did not make it into the minutes. Staff members have written notes from that meeting, and it is clear what items were missed and what the board intended. The board is adjusting those minutes, and they will be on file in the office and on the website, with the notation that they have been corrected on this meeting date. A summary of those corrections included are, the discussion on funding for YMSWCD soil health practices, authorizing Overholser to sign and administer the Midpoint planning grant and the CRP incentive grant, authorizing Overholser to adjust the 2020/2021 work plan, and allowing Overholser to sign any soil health cost share contracts that are submitted to the office before the next board meeting. There was also a typo in the minutes regarding contract 2020-023 for Adam Popowski. The contract was for \$19,800, but a typo was made in the minutes showing it for \$19,600. The staff notes and the meeting agenda show this contract was to be for \$19,800. **Buysse moved to approve. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.5. Amendment to meeting minutes 12/18/2023 – A typo was made in the meeting minutes for contract 2023-007. The minutes should have read that the payment was approved for \$31,722.39 but instead the minutes read approved for \$31,722.35. The voucher and bills are all for the \$31,722.39 and it was the boards intention to approve the payment for that amount. **Bach moved to approve. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.6. Meeting times – The monthly board meetings will be moved to 8 A.M. starting May 15th until further notice. **Kamrath moved to approve. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

6.1. Steve Vizecky – 340/329 – Hendricks 12/13 - \$34,260.00

6.2. Tim Dritz – 340/329 – Shaokatan 1,2,24 - \$60,000

6.3. HMHJ – 340/329 – Lucas 14,25 - \$55,953.90

6.4. Brandon Kraus – 340/329 – Royal 24 - \$35,970

6.5. Dwight Buller – 340/329 – Shaokatan 13 - \$60,000

6.6. Kelly Krog – 340/329 – Limestone 14 - \$60,000



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The board reviewed the above projects and Kamrath moved to authorize Overholser to approve the above contracts and encumber the funding from the 2022/2023 WBIF once she is satisfied that all required documents have been submitted and completed correctly. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- 7.1. Pat Jerzak – 638 – Limestone 16 - \$4,801
- 7.2. Pat Jerzak – 412 – Limestone 16 - \$2,529
- 7.3. Dorothy Zimmerman – 638/412 – Marble 12 - \$47,068.44
- 7.4. Scott Fier – 340 – Alta Vista 14,23,16 - \$60,000
- 7.5. Greg Enevoldsen – 512 – Camp Release 22 - \$17,202
- 7.6. Doug Jerzak – 340/329 – Limestone 7 - \$60,000
- 7.7. Don Gorecki – 638 – Eidsvold 32 - \$54,640.18
- 7.8. Scott Fier – 412 – Alta Vista 22 - \$7,946.97
- 7.9. Andrew Buller – 340/329 – Shaokatan 20 - \$40,011
- 7.10. Braden French – 340 – Lucas 15 - \$60,000

The board reviewed the above projects and Bach moved to authorize Overholser to approve the above contracts and encumber the funding from the 2024/2025 WBIF once she is satisfied that all required documents have been submitted and completed correctly. Buysse Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- 8.1. None

Adjourned at 12:32 P.M.

Dates to Note:

April Board Meeting	April 17 th
Ditch 17 & 7 Shareholder	May 13 th
Summer Tour	June 25 th – 26 th

Board Term Ending Dates in 2024

Olsen	Aug. 2024
Buysse/Briggs	Dec. 2024