



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

July 17th, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser

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

Others Present: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman, Keith and Jill Citrowske, John Antony, Gerald Antony

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Set Agenda **Kamrath moved to approve the agenda. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2. May Regular Meeting Minutes – No minutes for June as the meeting was cancelled **Buysse moved to approve the May Regular Meeting Minutes with the discussed corrections. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3. Treasurer Report **Kamrath moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Permits to Approve

- 2.1. John Antony – Omro 32 Discussion took place regarding modifying a permit that was previously approved. The modification would be to allow a lift pump. Downstream landowners were present to object to the lift pump. After discussion the board did not feel there was adequate evidence to support that the benefit of the lift pump would outweigh the potential cost to the downstream landowners. **Olsen Moved to Table permit application. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2.2. Kris Paluch – Royal 9 – The proposed permit is to put approximately 200 feet of tile into a low spot that will outlet onto his property just outside the road authority right away. The adjacent downstream landowner contacted the office stating he had objections to the project. After discussion the board found that the project does not violate any District rules and the project would not introduce any additional water to the system that does not already flow that direction. **Kamrath moved to approve the permit. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments – Tom Andries gave a Lyon Co. update.
- 3.2. Manager Reports - None
- 3.3. Technical Reports – None, Tech is on Vacation, will update next month
- 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser prepared a written report for June in lieu of an oral report since the June meeting was cancelled. It was emailed to board members and posted on the website where June's minutes would normally be located. She also presented a quarterly report on ditch balances and grant balances. Overholser also gave an oral report on ordinary District activities that occurred over the last month.



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4. Old Business

4.1 K & R Farms – The As Builts were submitted for this project. The final projected included more tile and control structures than the original permit authorized. After review, the board found that the project meets the criteria set forth in District rules. **Olsen moved to approve the modified permit. Kamrath seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. New Business

5.1. Annual Meeting – Overholser would like to know which board members are planning on attending the annual meeting in the Brainard area. All board and staff are going to try to attend the meeting.

5.2. 2025 Budget – **Kamrath moved to set the 2025 budget hearing for 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 21st at the district office. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.3. Ditch 16 DNR Permit – DNR responded back that the planned clean out for WD 16 is considered maintenance as long as the original footprint of the ditch hasn't naturally widened over the years. **Buysse made the motion to move forward with the cleanout as planned. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. 22/23 Grant Reconciliation – Overholser reported that the grant reconciliation was completed by BWSR. A few training opportunities were identified, there were no grant Noncompliance issues identified. The Reconciliation letter is available online for review.

5.5. 2024 Audit – **Buysse moved to have Peterson complete the 2023 audit. Olsen second. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

6.1. Zach Hennen – Alta Vista – 4 - \$10,640 – The contract was not acted upon as a mistake was noticed in the original contract submitted. Overholser will request the SWCD make the corrections and resubmit.

6.2. Dennis Pederson – Stony Run – 10 - \$7,176.06 – **Kamrath moved to approve the contract Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments from 24/25 WBIF Grant

7.1. Enevoldsen – Camp Release – 22 – 2024-016 \$17,202 – **Kamrath moved to approve payment. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

Aug. Board Meeting

Aug. 21th, 8:00 a.m.

MADI meeting

Aug. 8th to 9th