

## Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 7, 2017

The annual meeting of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Board was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Lac qui Parle County Courthouse Commissioners' Room at 7:00 p.m. Advisory Board members present were: Ron Antony, Harvey Swenson, Nate Ludvigson, & Joe Drietz. Board members absent were: Roy Marihart, Chessa Frahm, Kurt Johnson, Dale Sterzinger, & Roger Ellefson. Others present were: Darrel Ellefson, David Ludvigson, David Craigmile, John Cornell & Trudy Hastad.

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Chairman Ellefson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Watershed Chairman Ellefson asked for nominations for a Chairman and recorder from the Advisory Board members according to M.S. Chapter 103D.331.

Ron Anthony motioned to nominate Joe Drietz as Chairman, seconded by Harvey Swenson. Watershed Chairman Ellefson asked if there were any other nominations, there being no other nominations, he called for a vote. Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Drietz called for nominations for recorder. Ron Anthony nominated Nate Ludvigson for Recorder, seconded by Harvey Swenson. Acting Chairman Drietz asked if there were any other nominations, there being no other nominations, he called for a vote. Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Drietz called for motion to approve the September 7, 2016 Annual minutes. Ron Anthony motioned to approve the September 7, 2016 minutes of Advisory Board, seconded by Harvey Swenson. Upon vote, the motion unanimously passed.

Watershed Administrator Hastad reported that the hearing for the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Buffer Enforcement Rule was held at the December 5, 2017 Watershed meeting. The Counties of Lac qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, & Lincoln Counties are undertaking the buffer enforcement of public waters and the County Ditches under their respective jurisdictions, and the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed is undertaking the buffer for the Ditch systems under the LQP-YB Watershed jurisdiction. The hearing was well attended and the buffer rule was approved and adopted. Hastad explained that the Watershed has eight ditches under their jurisdiction in LQP County and two ditches under their jurisdiction in Lincoln County. They did not have any ditches in their jurisdiction in Yellow Medicine County at this time. Hastad also reported that the Watershed District would be overseeing the buffer enforcement for Lac qui Parle County under the Lac qui Parle County buffer enforcement ordinance.

Hastad discussed working with Lac qui Parle County on possibly hiring a staff person to help with buffer enforcement, ditch inspecting, redeterminations, and drainage modernization grant if the County is awarded the grant. They are discussing if this new position should be a watershed employee hire with the majority of the funding for the position reimbursed from LQP County or if the position should be a LQP County hire. Discussion followed.

Hastad reported on WRAPS. The monitoring was completed this past summer and MPCA is working on the results. The 2018 Impaired Waters List was just released and the Watershed has some new impairments listed. 2018 will focus on educational meetings, data collection, & public engagement.

Hastad encouraged the Board to attend a WRAPS workshop sponsored by the Soybean Growers Association to be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the ANNEX.

YM Commissioner Ron Antony discussed the Yellow Medicine County AIS money. Hoping to have some money to help with some restructuring of the landing & dock at Del Clark. Hastad will remind Park Manager Fjerkenstad to get new quotes for this to Kurt Johnson in March. No further action was taken.

Chairman Drietz asked if they were hearing any comments regarding the Watershed from the public. Discussion followed. Hastad & Enderson will try to set up appointments with the respective County Boards in 2018 to keep them abreast of current activities of the Lac qui Pare-Yellow Bank Watershed District.

LQP Commissioner Antony motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m., seconded by Nate Ludvigson. Upon vote, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Ludvigson, Recorder  
LQP-YB Advisory Board