

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 12, 2018

The annual meeting of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Lac qui Parle County Courthouse, 600 6th Street #7, Madison, MN 56256. Watershed Managers present were: Darrel Ellefson, David Craigmile, David Ludvigson, & John Cornell. Advisory Board members present were: Harvey Swenson, Lincoln County Commissioner Joe Drietz, Lac qui Parle County Commissioner Roy Marihart, & Nate Ludvigson. Members absent were: Yellow Medicine Commissioner Ron Antony, Chessa Frahm, Dale Sterzinger, Roger Ellefson, & Darwyn Bach. Staff present were: Administrator Trudy Hastad, & Coordinator Mitchell Enderson.

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Chairman Ellefson opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Ellefson asked for nominations for a Chairman and Recorder from the Advisory Board members according to M.S. Chapter 103D.331.

Commissioner Joe Drietz motioned to nominate Commissioner Roy Marihart as Chairman of the Advisory Board, seconded by Nate Ludvigson. Chairman Ellefson asked if there were any other nominations, there being no other nominations for Advisory Board Chairman, he called for vote. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Marihart asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Joe Drietz motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Harvey Swenson. Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Marihart asked for approval of the December 7, 2017 Advisory Board meeting minutes. Joe Drietz motioned to approve the December 7, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Harvey Swenson. Motion unanimously passed.

Administrator Hastad reported on the yearly activities of the Watershed as follows:

- The Buffer Enforcement rule was adopted and recorded for the Watershed.
- Agreed to enforce the buffer rule for Lac qui Parle County, manage the Drainage Records Modernization Grant received by Lac qui Parle County, and continue with County Ditch maintenance with the understanding that the County would reimburse watershed all costs for this and the costs of one additional Staff person.
- This led to the advertising & hiring of our new Drainage Manager/Inspector Jared Roiland.
- WRAPS (Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategies) is in its 3rd year and it was a quiet year as MPCA was putting together reports on the data gathered in years one & two. Mitch Enderson reported that 2019 would be a busy year with meetings and citizen input and would really appreciate advisory board input at the meetings.
- Soybean growers paid for Houston Engineering to do PTMapp and the LQP-YB Watershed was used as a test pilot and was completed in 2018.
- Installed a new boat landing dock at the park and DNR helped repair the big dock at Del Clark Lake/Stonehill Park.
- Completed and passed the Local Gov't Pay Equity Compliance Act – good for three years.
- Met with Attorney Matt Haugen, Nelson, Oyen, Torvik Law Firm to be general Watershed Attorney to replace Steve Torvik who passed away in March.
- Mitch spoke at the Lake Hendricks Association annual meeting.

- Worked with Lincoln SWCD, Area II, & landowner to cost-share on the Edna Christianson Trust Dam failure in section 27, Hansonville Township, Lincoln County
- Held a canoe trip on the LQP river in June with 28 participants.
- Held two buffer compliance meetings in August with the LQP SWCD in Bellingham & Dawson.
- Mitch applied and received a grant for the Watershed for sediment protection on Del Clark Lake.
- Presented with opportunity to purchase Stone land in Section 8, Fortier Township.
- Installed 14 SSTS systems in 2018 with the State Loan program.
- Issued 389 Watershed permits to date in 2018.
- Worked with a new auditing firm – CliftonAllenLarson – and audit went well.
- Spoke at the East Dakota Water Development meeting in November.
- Jared sent out 37 non-compliant buffer letters in LQP County regarding public waters.
- Completed a redetermination of benefits on CD #33 in Madison Township.
- Competed final hearing on the Improvement of CD #54 Manfred Township.
- Completed large repair & two crossing on Br 3 CD #12 Cerro Gordo Township.
- Received petition for Improvement for CD #42 in Mehurin/Freeland Townships.
- Reestablished records for CD #24 – DNR problems.
- Working with DNR for outlet cleanout on CD #83.
- Completed redetermination of benefits on Lat A CD #84.
- Working on redetermination of benefits for Lat B of CD #84 and CD #84.
- Mitch presented at the MAWD Annual meeting along with Houston Engineering on the CD #24 problems.

Manager Craigmile gave a power-point presentation on the forming of Watershed Districts, rules/statutes governing water in the State, precipitation levels, history of the Lac qui Pare-Yellow Bank Watershed District, and the Watershed website.

Questions & comments followed.

Harvey Swenson Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Joe Drietz. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Ludvigson, Recorder
LQP-YB Advisory Board