

# Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District

## Regular Meeting Minutes #594

### August 6, 2019

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Darrel Ellefson at 4:30 p.m. at the Lac qui Parle County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room, Courthouse, 600 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Madison, MN. **Managers present:** Chairman Darrel Ellefson, Vice-Chairman John Cornell, Secretary David Craigmile, Treasurer David Ludvigson, & Publicity Manager Michael Frank. **Managers absent:** none **Staff present:** Administrator Trudy Hastad, Coordinator Mitch Enderson, Drainage Manager Jared Roiland, & Park Manager Ron Fjerkenstad. **Others present:** Yellow Medicine Commissioner Ron Antony & Glen Kack, Lincoln County Commissioner Joe Drietz, Landowners Paul Wymar, David Swenson, Ralph Peterson, Dennis Koenig, Walter Antony, Mike Beecher, David Beecher, Jann Oellien, Tim Miller, Chuck Hoffman, William Schultze, Paul Breberg, Rodney Hansen, & Duane Haugen.

#### Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Ellefson asked for additions to the agenda. Hastad asked to add Call Farms permit to the agenda & Manager Craigmile asked to add Marietta concern to agenda. **M/S/P** to approve the amended agenda:

**Motion:** David Craigmile, **Seconded:** John Cornell **Passed:** 5-0

#### Staff Reports:

**PARK:** Park manager, Ron Fjerkenstad, reported on park activities:

- Experiencing minor problems with the old Toro mower and may need to replace in 2020.
- Will need to get a quote for crushed granite for top of hill on driveway as it is still very muddy.
- The cart was repaired and working well. They had to use a rental until it was fixed.
- Discussed the need to increase park fees for 2020.
- Park sites are pretty much full thru labor-day weekend and seven in the overflow.
- Labor-day weekend they start taking written requests for seasonal spots for 2020.
- The mower ran into the bottom piece of the slide-out on the Teigland camper. They are getting quotes for repair

**DRAINAGE MANAGER/INSPECTOR:** Jared Roiland reported on monthly activities.

- Held an informational landowner meeting on County Ditch #4 on July 15, 2019.
- Attended an informational FEMA meeting to discuss documentation we needed to supply for disaster relief funding.
- Attended the viewer's seminar at the U of M Southwest Research Facility in Lamberton, MN on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Met with MN Valley COOP on site in Riverside Township to discuss how to handle flooding issues on the township road and sub-station.
- Dragonfly View Drone Service flew a portion of County Ditch #3 and showed us the capability of a drone and all the different tools and applications for a drone.
- Met with NRCS to inspect the Canby Creek dams on July 17, 2019.
- Mailed a survey to landowners on CD #24 and returned them to Houston Engineering.
- Continue to update information in Drainage DB.

**COORDINATOR:** Coordinator Mitch Enderson reported on monthly activities.

- The Drainage Records Modernization Grant reimbursement & budget were submitted for April – June, 2019.
- We will start to scan the large maps using the County KIP scanner.
- The WRAPS reimbursement for April-June was submitted and approved.
- The WRAPS semi-annual report for Jan-June 2019 was submitted and approved.
- We will be holding a Family Fun event at Del Clark on June 19<sup>th</sup> (3-7 p.m.). Games and educational packets & booths will be set up.
- Hosted a local partners WRAPS meeting with Houston Engineering to overview what they are currently working on with SAMS modeling to set up priority tables.
- Have had nine SSTS applications submitted and approved this year.
- The SSTS semi-annual report and budget was submitted and approved.
- Trudy & I attended the Area II meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



**UPB GENERAL ACCT:**

104-106	semi-monthly payroll	July 1-15 payroll	\$4,691.14
107	Darrel Ellefson	per diem, mileage	\$539.69
108	Darrel Ellefson	June Ditch Work	\$2,082.17
109	David Ludvigson	per diem, mileage	\$150.13
110	David Craigmile	per diem, mileage	\$723.82
111	John Cornell	per diem, mileage	\$270.11
112	Michael Frank	per diem, mileage	\$184.93
3656	Minnesota Revenue	quarterly state withholding	\$1,408.00
3657	LQP-YB liability acct	PERA semi-monthly	\$929.62
113-115	semi-monthly payroll	July 16-31 payroll	\$4,691.15
116-120	monthly payroll	July park payroll	\$7,427.54
3658	LQP-YB Liability Acct	PERA monthly & semi-monthly	\$1,641.64
3659	Minnesota UI Fund	quarter 2 unemployment	\$1,141.56
3660	Quill Corporation	envelopes & cardstock	\$93.76
3661	Rinke-Noonan Attorney's @ Law	monthly retainer, CD #42 prel hearing	\$4,437.00
3662	Coltan Mortenson	3 nuisance beaver	\$60.00
3663	Mitchell Enderson	dam inspection mileage, WCA mileage	\$58.58
3664	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	July postage	\$79.20
3665	Jared Roiland	mileage & registration reimb	\$136.94
3666	Trudy Hastad	mileage reimb	\$70.18
3667	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	health insurance	\$5,070.00
3668	LQP-YB Liability Acct	Federal withholding	\$4,964.86
3669	Gary Redepinning	26 nuisance beaver	\$520.00
3670	Minnesota Revenue	sales & use tax	\$879.00
3671	Minnesota Association of Drainage Inspectors	MADI registrations	\$75.00
		<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$42,326.02</b>

**Debit Card**

**\$-0-**

**DITCH ACCT:**

**None**

**TOTAL**

**\$0.00**

**M/S/P** to approve the warrants.

**Motion:** John Cornell    **Seconded:** Michael Frank    **Passed:** 5-0

**Secretary's Report:**

Hastad presented meeting minutes #593 for approval.

**M/S/P** to approve meeting minutes #593 as mailed.

**Motion:** David Craigmile    **Seconded:** David Ludvigson    **Passed:** 5-0

**Administrator Report/Old & New Business:**

- Discussed the DNR dam inspections. Discussed fencing on R-6 to keep cattle off the face of the dam and some minor work that needed to be done on the Canby Creek dams. Hastad will contact someone for quote on the fencing work.
- Beatles were put on R-6 dam to help control leafy spurge.
- Reported legislation changed stating that the manager per diem can be \$125 per day. Previous it was \$75/day. If the manager's wish to make this change it needs to be in the minutes and policies.
- Reviewed the 2019 budget and current costs, and then discussed the 2020 budget.

**M/S/P** to set the proposed 2020 levy at \$250,000 with additional project expense at \$40,000 for a total budget of \$290,000.

**Motion:** David Ludvigson    **Seconded:** John Cornell    **Passed:** 5-0

**M/S/P** to set the 2020 budget hearing for Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion:** David Ludvigson    **Seconded:** David Craigmile    **Passed:** 5-0

- Discussed the renewal of the USGS Yellow Bank Stream Gauge funding request.

**M/S/P** to continue partial funding of the USGS Yellow Bank Stream Gauge.

**Motion:** David Craigmile    **Seconded:** David Ludvigson    **Passed:** 5-0

- Hastad reviewed the revisions to the Park Rules. Manager Craigmile commented that something should be in the rules regarding parking by the boat launch as some people tend to park their vehicle and boat trailer in such a way as it blocks access to the boat launch. Hastad will make adjustment to the park rules and bring back to the board for amendment approval of the rules.
- Discussed quotes for a side-by-side. Manager Ludvigson will check on this and bring back to the Board.
- Reviewed a request from Dan Aakre for tree snagging in section 17, Garfield Township. This area is crucial to clean as the trees will plug the bridge.

M/S/P to contribute \$2500 to clean trees in section 17, Garfield Township.

Motion: David Craigmile      Seconded: David Ludvigson      Passed: 5-0

- Discussed letter of support to MAWD supporting an Administrative Levy Increase. Board felt this was a good idea.

#### OTHERS:

A group of landowners, township officials, & two Commissioners from Yellow Medicine, & one from Lincoln County met with the Board to address flooding issues East and North of Canby on the Lac qui Parle River. The river is partially silted in wrecking roads & private property also due to cross-over flooding issues. The Watershed Board discussed the need for a large retention structure, similar to Lazarus Creek dam, but on the Lac qui Parle River and reported they have been trying to get funding for this in the past. A few year ago the Watershed had a bill for funding for an engineer study for this and it was heard before the Senate Committee but it wasn't heard in the house. The Watershed Board said they would pursue funding again and would appreciate letters of support from the Townships, Counties, and local citizens.

This group also discussed concerns with the Upper Deer Creek Dam structure located upstream of Lake Hendricks in South Dakota. Discussion followed. The group formed a committee consisting of Yellow Medicine Commissioners Ron Antony & Glenn Kack, Lincoln County Commissioner Joe Drietz, David Swenson, David Beecher, Mike Beecher, Tim Miller, & LQP-YB Watershed Manager David Craigmile. Hastad will organize a meeting with the Committee and the Brookings & Deuel Conservation Services to discuss maintenance, & inspection of the structure.

Chuck Hoffman motioned to accept the above committee, seconded by Tim Miller. Commissioner Ron Antony called for a vote, and the motion unanimously passed.

Freeland Township Board of Dennis Koenig, Rodney Hanson, DeWayne Swenson, & Justin Koenig met with the Board to discuss water concerns in Section 28 & 33 of Freeland Township. The Township is getting cross over flooding from Florida creek and Lazarus creek and it has washed out a dike that was put in by local farmers in 1969. They discussed how to get help and dollars to repair the private dike. Manager Ellefson discussed having the Freeland Township Board discuss with FEMA and see if there would be any funding help. This group also discussed the need for smaller structures on the tributaries to Florida creek. The Board discussed maybe discussing with Area II.

Paul Wymar met with the Board regarding a neighbor that put in a series of 638's that outletted through his property to the creek. They also cleaned about 150' of the private ditch without his permission. The Watershed Board was aware of this and were working with Mr. Dejong for an after-the-fact permit according to the Watershed rules. Mr. Wymar felt the project was environmentally sound but wants some compensation for the outlet on his property. Mr. Wymar shared a SWCD designed project for his property and has been approved cost-share for the project. The Board thought it was a good project and would sign a Watershed permit if he decided to follow through with the project on his property.

Jan Oellien met with the Board to inquire about getting LiDar maps of the Watershed near her property in Garfield Township. The Board informed her she could get this information in the Watershed Office during working hours.

**PERMITS - The following permit applications were applied for**

12701	Matt Bormann	Arena, 26	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12702	Matt Bormann	Madison, 29	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12703	Roger Bliss	OshKosh, 3	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 MF
12704	Ryan Bliss	Hammer, 24	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 MF
12705	Larry Bendix	Maxell, 26	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12706	Jacob Boehnke	Perry, 29	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12707	Dennis Boraas	Lac qui Parle, 21	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12708	Joe Bothun	Riverside, 1	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12709	Bill Croatt	Arena, 14	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12710	Jim Connor	Garfield, 34	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12711	Jim Connor	Freeland, 3	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12712	Brian Croatt	Arena, 13	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12713	Call Family Farms	Arena, 24	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12714	Dennis Clark	Baxter, 12	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12715	Steve Driessen	Norman, 1	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12716	Ron DeJong	Baxter, 1	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12717	Ron DeJong	Baxter, 14	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12718	Renew #12304 Keith Erickson	Camp Release, 7	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12719	Keith Erickson	Camp Release, 18	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12720	Roger Genetzky	Florida, 27	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 MF
12721	Kent Goplen	Hammer, 6 & 7	Seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12722	Gary Goplen	Hammer, 7	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12723	Gary Goplen	Hammer, 6	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12724	Renew #12114 Gary Goplen	Florida, 25	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 MF
12725	Gary Goplen	Florida, 36	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12726	Paul Holzemer	Mehurin, 20	seepage, Wascobs	8/6/19 DL
12727	Paul Hacker	Camp Release, 24	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12728	Renew #12248 Wayne Heinrich	Perry, 31	seepage, main tile, pump	8/6/19 DE
12729	Jeff Hanson	Garfield, 23	seepage, main tile, close ditch	8/6/19 DL
12730	Renew #12246 Jeff Hanson	Freeland, 3	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DL
12731	Jeff Hanson	Arena, 25	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12732	Jeff Hanson	Freeland, 14	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12733	Jeff Hanson	Arena, 25	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12734	Renew #12124 John Kallhoff	Manfred, 26	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DL
12735	Roger Karels	Yellow Bank, 21	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12736	Roger Karels	Yellow Bank, 29	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12737	Justin Koenig	Freeland, 35	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12738	Justin Koenig	Freeland, 25	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12739	Justin Koenig	Freeland, 24	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12740	Charles Ludvigson	Garfield, 14	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DL
12741	Nate Ludvigson	Maxwell, 35	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12742	Kevin Larson	Maxell, 9	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DC
12743	Renew #12289 Letrud Family Farms	Lake Shore N, 33	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12744	Renew #12288 Letrud Family Farms	Lake Shore N., 29	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12745	Tony Ludvigson	Arena, 36	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12746	Tony Ludvigson	Lake Shore S, 19	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12747	Jason Lund	Lake Shore S, 20	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12748	Jason Lund	Lake Shore S, 20	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12749	Lund Family Farms LLP	Lake Shore S, 20	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12750	Maxwell Township	Maxwell, 7 & 18	replace culvert	8/6/19 DE
12751	Dwight Mork	Perry, 24	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12752	Minnesota Valley Coop	Riverside, 30	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12753	Minnesota Valley Coop	Riverside, 30	earthen berm	8/6/19 DE
12754	Eric Olson	Madison, 13	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DL
12755	Kevin Olson	Garfield, 9	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12756	Mark Peterson	Providence, 4	seepage lines, & intakes	8/6/19 DC

12757	Ronnie Regneir	Hammer, 23	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12758	Curt Rangaard	Florida, 35	seepage lines	8/6/19 MF
12759	Glenn Radermacher	Walter, 11	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12760	Gary Robertson	Providence, 25	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12761	Renew #12342 Gary Robertson	Providence, 26	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12762	Gary Robertson	Providence, 14	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12763	Gary Robertson	Providence, 34	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12764	Gary Robertson	Providence, 34	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12765	Dwayne Strei	Yellow Bank, 10	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12766	Andy Strei	Yellow Bank, 8	clean ditch	8/6/19 DE
12767	Andy Strei	Yellow Bank, 17	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12768	Joel Schutte	Maxwell, 23	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12769	Joel Schutte	Maxwell, 23	clean ditch	8/6/19 DC
12770	Schutte Family Farms	Riverside, 32, Maxwell, 6	seepage lines	8/6/19 DC
12771	Schutte Family Farms	Riverside, 36	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12772	Schutte Family Farms	Riverside, 31	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12773	Aaron Tasto	Mehurin, 20	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12774	Aaron Tasto	Perry, 24	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12775	Aaron Tasto	Lac qui Parle, 10	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12776	Aaron Tasto	Arena, 26	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12777	Aaron Tasto	Madison, 22	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12778	Dale Von Eschen	Yellow Bank, 8	seepage, main tile	8/6/19 DE
12779	Dale Von Eschen	Yellow Bank N, 33	seepage lines	8/6/19 DE
12780	Paul Wymar	Baxter, 1	grade control structure	8/6/19 DC
12781	Kevin Olson	Garfield, 28	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL
12782	Call Family Farms	Madison, 22	seepage lines	8/6/19 DL

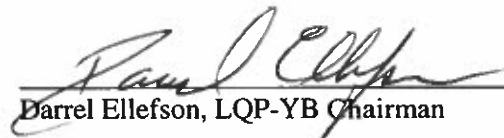
**Permits Denied: Held Ryan Houschild for 1099, Call Family Farms for Twp signature, Ron Beninga for neighbor signature**

**M/S/P to approve watershed permits except those denied:**

**Motion: David Ludvigson      Seconded: David Craigmile      Motion: 5-0**

Manager Craigmile reported the City of Marietta was concerned with a possible tiling permit near the City. Discussion followed. No action was taken

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
 Darrel Ellefson, LQP-YB Chairman

Attest:  
  
 David Craigmile, LQP-YB Secretary

Minutes prepared by Hastad

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District is Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lac qui Parle County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room.**