

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District
Emergency Meeting Minutes #612.1
February 10, 2021

Call to Order:

The emergency meeting of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Board of Managers was held at the John Buer business shop site along Highway 75 in Madison, Minnesota at 4:00 p.m. **Managers present:** Chairman Darrel Ellefson, Vice-Chairman John Cornell, Secretary David Craigmile, Publicity Manager Michael Frank. **Managers absent:** Treasurer David Ludvigson. **Staff Present:** Administrator Trudy Hastad, Coordinator Mitch Enderson, & Drainage Inspector Jared Roiland. **Others present:** LQP Custodian Kenny Fernholz, Business owner John Buer & Carson Buer.

The Board called the emergency meeting to look at the John Buer shops that are up for sale. The buildings are located along Highway 75 and are about 3-4 blocks from the Courthouse. The Board is looking for storage for the Watershed to house the ROXOR, pickup, sprayer & equipment, chainsaws, manual lift, pipe, and water monitoring equipment during off-season months.

Mr. Buer walked the Board through the shops, discussed the heating, cooling, drains, lighting, age of buildings etc. He is interested in selling both shop buildings and doesn't want to split them up. His asking price is \$70,000. The Board and staff looked over the buildings, asked some questions and thanked Mr. Buer for showing the property.

The Managers then resumed the meeting at the Lac qui Parle County Courthouse, Commissioner Room located at 600 6th Street, Madison, MN. The meeting resumed at 4:35 p.m.

The managers felt the buildings were in fairly good shape, but we would only need one of the shops. The Board felt the location was good and would be sufficient for our needs. If we purchased we could possibly sell off one of the shops as is too much building for what we would need. Discussion followed. Discussed pros and cons of building new vs. used (would need a lot, location, cost would add up quickly). The Buer shops were set up with heating, cooling, floor drains, water supply, overhead doors, good location.

Manager Michael Frank motioned to make an offer of \$65,000 on the Buer shops pending everything is cleaned out of the buildings and owner pays for closing, seconded by Manager David Craigmile. Upon vote, motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Darrel Ellefson, Chairman

ATTEST:

David Craigmile, Secretary