



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

January 21, 2026, Wednesday 08:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser

Board Members Present: Bill Briggs, Darwyn Bach, Tim Buisse, Randy Kamrath, Faith Olson

Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Set Agenda - **Bach moved to approve the agenda. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2. Dec. Regular Meeting Minutes - **Buisse moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3. Treasurer Report - **Kamrath moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Buisse seconded. Motion passed unanimously**
- 1.4. Organization Business
 - 1.4.1. Rotation of officers
President – Tim Buisse (Lyon)
Vice President- Faith Olsen (Lincoln)
Secretary - Darwyn Bach (Yellow Medicine)
Treasurer – Randy Kamrath (Lincoln)
Public Relations – Bill Briggs (Yellow Medicine)

Buisse moved to approve officer positions. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1.4.2. Designation of Official Depository - Board chose to continue to use BMO as the Official Depository.
- 1.4.3. Designation of Official Newspaper - Board chose to continue with the Minneota Mascot as the Official Newspaper.
- 1.4.4. Designation of Legal Counsel – Board chose to continue with Engels & Larson, PLLC for official Legal Counsel.
- 1.4.5. Board Assignments –Board distributed committee assignments -One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Bill Briggs 1W1P Alternate – Faith Olsen
- 1.4.6. Per Diem, mileage, Reimbursement Rates – Board set Per Diems to \$125 per meeting, \$20 per hour for hourly work performed for the watershed, mileage set to match the IRS mileage rate and reimbursement of presented receipts.
Olsen moved to approve 1.4.2 through 1.4.6 Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Permits to Approve

- 2.1. No permits approved since December meeting



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3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments – Andries reported that the Redwood 1W1P plan is completed.
- 3.2. Manager Reports – Bill visited Hauschild Dam with the renter. They reported being pleased with the progress.
- 3.3. Technical Reports – Nothing to report
- 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser gave a report on regular district business.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 Kaye Christensen project - **Olsen Moved to table. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4.2 Legislative days – March 3rd - Kamrath and Bach are interested in going, if any other boards members would like to go, they will let Overholser know at the end of February.
- 4.3 2026/2027 Comprehensive Watershed Plan – Overholser gave an update on the progress of the plan rewrite.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Audit engagement letter 2026 – **Olson moved to have Person do our audit again. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. COLA – The federal COLA rate for 2026 is 2.8%. **Buysse moved to adopt the federal COLA. Bach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. Close meeting Administrator review
- 5.4. Open meeting – **Kamrath moved to open the meeting. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1. None

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 24/25

- 7.1. None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

Feb. Board Meeting	Canceled
Policy Meeting	Monday February 2 nd 9:00 a.m.
Legislative Days	Wednesday, March 3 rd
March Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 18 th 8:00 a.m.