



**Yellow Medicine *ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN* Partnership  
Policy Committee Meeting**

**DATE:** Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Watershed Office, Minneota

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## **Minutes**

**Elected Officials Attendance:** Mitch Kling (YM County), Thomas Remmele (YM SWCD), Gary Crowley (Lyon County), Gary Laleman (Lyon SWCD), Joe Drietz (Lincoln County), Bill Briggs (YMRWD), Darwyn Bach (YMRWD), Tim Buysse (YMRWD), Faith Olsen (YMRWD), Mike Croatt (LqP SWCD), Dale Fier (Lincoln SWCD).

**Staff Attendance:** Brayden Anderson, Noah Steffen, Jolene Johnson, Dale Sterzinger, Courtney Williams, Quintin Peterson, Rhyan Schicker, Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm.

1. Approve the Agenda – **Fier moved to approve the agenda. Laleman seconded. Motion carried.**
2. Approve Minutes – **Laleman moved to approve the minutes. Remmele seconded. motion carried.**

3. Partner Updates:

Dale reported that most of the projects on the agenda are in Lincoln and they are having a lot of interest in cover crops.

Brayden reported that there are a couple of projects in YM in progress and that they are getting an intern for the summer.

Rhyan reported that they are working on a grazing project in the watershed but otherwise they don't have much for the YM1W1P.

Courtney reported that there are several projects they are working on inside of the Watershed, they are also planning on a summer intern.

4. PWG Update – Group worked on setting up a new ranking system. HWY 75 tour is being planned and the group is requesting some financial assistance in funding the tour. **Dritz moved recommend up to \$5000 in aid with paying for the Canby stop. Laleman seconded. Motion passed.**

## 5. Updates/Discussion

- a. WBIF Grant Progress/Update
  - 2020/2021 – This grant is completely closed out and finished.
  - 2022/2023 – Reconciliation is almost completed on this grant. Should have the results by the next meeting. The grant is close to being completely encumbered and on track to be spent by the end of the year.
  - 2024/2025 – The grant agreement has been executed and we are starting to encumber the funds now.
- b. Midpoint Planning Grant – Respec is making progress and we should see results this fall sometime.
- c. Watershed Storage Modeling – This is an ongoing project. The plan work group and some elected officials are assisting in feedback and direction for this modeling effort.
- d. CRP Incentive Grant – No contracts have been signed yet. We are trying to target Well Head areas.
- e. 2024 RCPP – We have funds coming to the area, but don't know a lot right now.
- f. Incentive payments for perennial coverage – After discussion the group concluded that it makes sense to pay for perennial coverage, and in many ways this coverage would be better than cover crops. **Remmele moved to recommend that the District adopt a policy that includes conservation cover, or pasture and hay planting. The contract would have a lifespan of 5 years and would pay \$100/ac for 3 years. Fier seconded. Motion carried.**
- g. Cost-share Projects – Non Structural
  - Steve Vizecky – 340/329 – Hendricks 12 - \$34,260 -
  - Tim Dritz – 340/329 – Shaokatan 1 - \$60,000
  - HMHJ Inc. – 340/329 – Lucus 25 - \$55,953.90
  - Braden French – 340 – Lucus 15 - \$60,000
  - Brandon Kraus – 340/329 – Royal 24 - \$35,970
  - Dwight Buller – 340/329 – Shaokatan 13 - \$60,000
  - Andrew Buller – 340/329 – Shaokatan 20 - \$40,011
  - Kelly Krog – 340/329 – Limestone 14 - \$60,000
  - Doug Jerzak – 340/329 – Limestone 7 - \$60,000**Briggs moved to recommend the above non structural projects for funding. Laleman seconded. Motion carried.**
  - Cost-share Projects – Structural
    - Dorthy Zimmerman – 412/638 – Marble 12 - \$47,068.44
    - Don Gorecki - 638– Eidsvold 32 - \$54,640.18**Laleman moved to approve the above structural projects, Remmele seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## 6. Adjournment

**Next Meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**