Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

September 16, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Jeremiah Timm, Michelle Overholser
Board Members Present: Bill Briggs, Faith Olsen, Randy Kamrath, Tim Buysse, Darwyn Bach
Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse at 8:03 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota.
   1.1. Set Agenda **Olsen moved to approve the agenda. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve the August Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   1.3. Treasurer's Report **Briggs moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
   2.1. None

3. **Public Comments and Reports**
   3.1. Manager Reports – Kamrath reported on the 2026 Summer Tour in Detroit Lakes located at the top of the Red River of the North.
   3.2. Public Comments – Andries updated board on progress for the Lyon County Levy.
   3.3. Technical Report – Timm provided update on recent permit activities.
   3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser gave a report

9:00 a.m. Budget Hearing

Bach moved to close the Regular Monthly Meeting and open the Budget Hearing. Briggs Seconded. No additional members of the public attended. Overholser did not receive and comments on the proposed budget by mail or email. Overholser presented the same budget she had presented at the annual advisory committee. Budget contains no levy increase and maintain the 270,000 levy that the District had last year.

Olsen moved to make a change to the proposed budget with an increase to the monthly rent for the office from $700 per Month to $800 per month for 2027. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No other changes were proposed by the board or the public in attance.

Briggs moved to close the Budget hearing and reopen the Regular Monthly Meeting. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**
   4.1. Hauschild Dam – Timm provided update on the Hauschild Dam. Rugged Tree Service on September 10th was able to unclog the dam by propelling down through the top of the dam and removing the debris from the inside. Rugged Tree Service noted that a large rock is currently still lodged in the intake of the dam on the outside. Timm will attempt to remove the rock this fall.
5. **New Business**
   5.1. Culvert in Swede Prairie 31 – On going concerns regarding a culvert located on ST between Westerheim 6 and Swede Prairie 31. Currently it is believed by a landowner that the culvert was installed too high causing water to back up onto his property. Discussion took place between board members. **Briggs moved to table 5.1. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   5.2. 2027 Levy **– Briggs moved to approve a levy of $270,000 for 2027. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   5.3. 2027 Ditch Levies
   Watershed Ditch 1 - $3000
   Watershed Ditch 2 - $0
   Watershed Ditch 4 - $3000
   Watershed Ditch 5 - $0
   Watershed Ditch 7 - $0
   Watershed Ditch 8 - $4000
   Watershed Ditch 16 - $0
   Watershed Ditch 17 - $3000
   Watershed Ditch 18 - $0

Olsen moved to approve the 2027 Ditch Levies. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Ym1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 Grant**
   6.1. Garret Niska – 2024-032 - $13,367.97 – Cancel **Bill moved to cancel YM1W1P Cost-Share Contract 24/25 2024-032. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
   6.2. Macik Farm Partnership – 2026-007 – 340/Covers - $28,260 **Bach moved to approve Cost-Share Contract 2024-007. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. **YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 26/27 Grant**
   7.1. None

8. **YM1W1P Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 Grant**
   8.1. None
9. **YM1W1P Cost-Share Vouchers 26/27 Grant**
   9.1. Hauschild Trust – 2026-010 - $26997.30 **Olsen moved to approve YM1W1P Cost-Share Voucher 2026-010. Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Faith moved to adjourn the meeting. Briggs seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

Dates to Note:

October Board Meeting October 21st