



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Amended, please see Jan. 15th 2025 minutes.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

Board Members Present: Faith Olsen, Bill Briggs, Darwyn Bach

Others Present: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman, Jordan Goblisch

Present remotely: John Appelen

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:07 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Olsen moved to approve the agenda. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. October Regular Meeting Minutes **Bach moved to approve the October Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. George Goblisch – Eidsvold 14 – Timm presented after-the-fact permit application from George Goblisch to add seepage lines to the southeast corner of his property and to add a main running north to connect two low areas of his field to the existing main which ultimately outlets into the Kimpe Slough. The seepage lines had been determined to have already been installed and the main had only had the ground prepped for installation. Discussion took place. Board determined that the norther west potion of the project would naturally flow north going around Kimpe Slough rather than south to existing main but that the Norther east portion would naturally flow south.
Bach moved to approve a portion of after-fact-permit including the Northeast main and south seepage lines with 250-dollar application fee. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2.2. Gary Vanderostyne – Marble 15 – Timm presented after-the-fact permit application from Gary Vanderostyne to add 5” seepage lines to two different existing mains which run through John Appelen’s land. The entire project was completed prior to application and Vanderostyne admitted that he knew his project would require a permit from the YMRWD. John Appelen voiced concerns regarding losing future drainage compacity for his fields and recommended Vanderostyne install a new main to drain his seepage lines into as to not take any more drainage capacity from him. Appelen did confirm that currently the main could handle the new seepage lines installed, he refused to disclose the size of the existing line. Discussion took place. Board determined that amount of seepage lines installed were reasonable for the existing mains that they were tiled into. **Bach moved to approve after-the-fact permit application with 500-dollar application fee. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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- 2.3. Thomas Briggs – Wegeland 07 – Timm presented permit application. **Olsen moved to approve with condition that the county confirms property is benefited into the county tile. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments – Andries provided update regarding a Lyon county cannabis ordinance to go into effect January 1st.
- 3.2. Manager Reports -Olsen provide recent public concerns brought to her attention regarding the Hauschild Dam.
- 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm updated board regarding permitting program and progress made with Watershed Ditch 16.
- 3.4. Administrative Report- Overholser provided report regarding grant progress and end of year activities.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 None

5. New Business

- 5.1. 2024 Annual Meeting Delegates Briggs volunteered as delegate. Buysse was volunteered as delegate. Kamrath was chosen for alternate.
- 5.2. Cost Share policy Changes – Overholser provided update regarding changes to cost share policy.
- 5.3. Midpoint summary report – Overholser presented Midpoint summary report.
- 5.4. Midpoint grant reconciliation – Overholser presented Midpoint grant reconciliation.
- 5.5. Audit – Overholser presented audit report.

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 WBIF Grant

- 6.1. None

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 22/23 WBIF Grant

- 7.1. None

8. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 WBIF Grant

- 8.1. Thomas Buller 2024-010 \$8,700
- 8.2. Andrew Buller 2024-011 \$40,011.00
- 8.3. Charles Olson 2024-004 \$60,000
- 8.4. Sidnee Olson 2024-001 \$33,523
- 8.5. Braden French 2024-015 \$60,000
- 8.6. Scott Fier 2024-003 \$60,000

Olsen moved to approve Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 WBIF Grant 8.1-8.6. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Vouchers 22/23 WBIF Grant

- 9.1. Dwight Buller 2023-037 \$60,000



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- 9.2. Kelly Krog 2023-038 \$60,000
- 9.3. Harry Rataczak 2023-002 \$9,098.78
- 9.4. Jerome Jerzak 2024-005 \$26,010.45
- 9.5. Randy Brown 2024-022 \$21,427.20
- 9.6. Randy Brown 2024-026 \$8,035.20
- 9.7. HMHJ Inc 2023-039 \$55,953.90

Bach moved to approve Cost-Share Vouchers 22/23 WBIF Grant 9.1-9.7. 9.7 -2023-039 may be split between 22/23 and 24/25 WBIF funds as needed to close the 22/23 grant. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. 2024 CRP Incentive Pilot Grant contract and payment

- 10.1. Robert Flynn Alta Vista 12 - \$8692.50
- 10.2. Taylor Kosmalski Alta Vista 12 - \$17,872.50

Olsen moved to approve 2024 CRP Incentive Pilot Grant contracts and payments 10.1 and 10.2. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – Olsen Moved to adjourn. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 10:30 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Dec. Board Meeting	Dec. 18 th 8:00 a.m.
MADI Spring Meeting	March 6 th Willmar
Annual Meeting	Dec. 3 rd to Dec. 6 th
Buyse/Briggs/Olsen	Terms expiring end of December