



# Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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## Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025, Wednesday 08:00 a.m.

**Staff Present:** Michelle Overholser (Remotely), Jeremiah Timm

**Board Members Present:**, Bill Briggs, Randy Kamrath, Tim Buysse, Darwyn Bach

**Others Present:** Tom Andries, Gary Laleman

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:04 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
  - 1.1. Set Agenda **Bach moved to approve the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 1.2. Jan. Regular Meeting Minutes **Buysse moved to approve January Regular Meeting minutes. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Bach moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Permits to Approve**
  - 2.1. None
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
  - 3.1. Public Comments – Gary Laleman provided Board with updated scheduling for the Lyon County SWCD Board meeting Times of 4:30 P.M. beginning in April and changing back to 7 PM beginning in November.
  - 3.2. Manager Reports –Buysse provided report reading Minnesota Watershed’s board of directors meeting he attended on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm provided report regarding recent permitting activities and recent Beaver bounties.
  - 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser provided updates on recent grant reporting for the YM1W1P and upcoming grant reconciliation.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 None
5. **New Business**
  - 5.1. 2025 Flat Rate Payments – Our current rates are set at as follows:
    - Cover crops single species -\$50 per acre per year with a 3-year contract.
    - Cover crops multiple species- \$60 per acre per year with a 3-year contract.
    - Reduced tillage - \$30 per acre per year with a 3-year contract.
    - First adopter - \$10 bonus per acre per year with a 3-year contract.



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Practicing cover crops and reduced tillage on the same acres, nonrotating cover crops - \$10 Bonus per acre per year with a 3-year contract.

**Kamrath moved to keep rates the same as current rates. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.2. March 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting – St. Cloud **Kamrath moved to table discussion until the next Monthly Board 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. Zimmerman – 2024-014 - \$30,035.67 **Bach moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Kamrath moved to adjourn. Bach seconded. Adjourned at 9:14 A.M.**

### Dates to Note:

Legislative Days	Wednesday, Feb. 19 to 20
Drainage Inspectors	Thursday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.
March Board Meeting	Wed. March 19 <sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m.