

# Yellow Medicine River 1W1P

June 2024 –Update

## Water Storage Modeling

The Plan Work Group has been working with the Board of Water and Soil Recourses in providing feedback, as one of three pilot watersheds for a water storage model that is being developed through a LCCMR grant. On June 10<sup>th</sup> we had our final meeting with BWSR to see some of the results of the modeling. This model looks to have a lot of benefits that can be used in our future planning. Some of the tools and tool bars are still in development. These tools will make running the model easier for local staff.

In the upcoming months, the group will receive a report regarding the modeling work that was done on our watershed, the data, and the tools. BWSR is also planning on meeting with a small local technical staff to provide additional training in running the model ourselves.

## Grants

The 1W1P 2024/2025 WBIF grant was received in March and started to be encumbered in April. Projects have already started to come in. There are currently 12 structural projects approved and 1 in progress. 9 nonstructural projects have been approved, and 2 encumbered pending policy committee recommendation. At this point we have encumbered all the funding that was budgeted for nonstructural projects. Around \$300,000 is still available for structural practices.

## Soil is Alive – Hwy 75 Canby, MN

This stop is sponsored by the Lac qui Parle -Yellow Bank WD, LQP SWCD, Lincoln SWCD, the Yellow Medicine SWCD and the Yellow Medicine River WD.

Registration for this event can be found at:

<https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/event/ray-archuleta-in-canby-mn/>

There are other stops on this tour, if interested in more information on additional sites, visit:

<https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/events/2024-07/>

links to these are also on our website: [www.ymrwd.org](http://www.ymrwd.org) under notices

## Soil Health

### The Soil is Alive on Hwy 75 – Canby, MN

July 12 @ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Register now to join Ray Archuleta, “The Soil Guy”, as he makes his way down Minnesota’s western boarder on a 5-Stop Soil Health Tour. Each stop will feature demos, including rainfall simulations and soil health assessments. Explore topics such as biomimicry and ecosystem process, reducing inputs, soil health principles and improving ROI. Plus, we’ll feature a panel of local farmers who will talk about their experiences with soil health.

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