



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

August 21st, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

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

Others Present: Tom Andries, Gary Laleman

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:10 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. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. July Regular Meeting Minutes **Olsen moved to approve the July Regular Meeting Minutes. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Budget and Levy Hearing at 9:00 a.m. at the District office

Overholser presented the proposed 2025 budget and levy. No public comments were received.

2. Permits to Approve

- 2.1. None

3. Public Comments and Reports

- 3.1. Public Comments Andries informed YMRWD Board of Lyon County Budget and updates regarding negotiation with the sheriff's department.
- 3.2. Manager Reports Olsen informed board of public concerns regarding the Hauschild Dam. Briggs provided update regarding road maintenance on the road at Lake John.
- 3.3. Technical Reports Timm provided updates regarding tiling permit applications and progress made toward maintenance for WD 1 and WD 4.
- 3.4. Administrative Report Overholser updated board on grant balances and ordinary District activities.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 None

5. New Business

- 5.1. 2025 Levy - Discussion took place regarding levy. Overholser provided a recommendation to not increase levy from previous year's levy. **Olsen moved to approve the levy set at 260k. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. 2025 Budget - Overholser presented preliminary 2025 budget using 260K levy. **Bach moved to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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- 5.3. Equipment - Overholser requested two new office chairs for staff. **Olsen moved to approve. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.4. River Clean up – on July 30th district staff were approached by the Minneota City Administrator regarding a large number of trees that recently had fallen into the river near the city campgrounds on the north side of town. Images of the trees and a map of the locations were provided to board. The city is requesting that the YMRWD remove the trees from the river on behalf of the city. Discussion took place. **Olsen moved to deny the request. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- 6.1. Tim Neyens – 2024-021 - Limestone 14 – 638 - \$83,132.19
- 6.2. Randy Brown – 2024-022 - Royal 2 – 340 - \$21,427.20
- 6.3. Zach Hennen – 2024-023 - Alta Vista – 340 - \$10,640.70

Bach moved to approve contracts 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4. William Briggs – 2024-024 - Norman 23 – 340 - \$19,300
- 6.5. William Briggs – 2024-025 - Norman 23 – 638 - \$83,418.88

Bill Briggs abstained. **Bach moved to approve contracts 6.4 and 6.5. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn - Kamrath moved to adjourn. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 9:23 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Sept. Board Meeting	Sept. 18 th 8:00 a.m.
MADI Spring Meeting	March 6 th Willmar