



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025, Wednesday 08:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

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

Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries, Orville Schultz, Richard Larson and Tom Briggs.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:03 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Kamrath moved to approve the agenda. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. Aug. Regular Meeting Minutes **Buysse moved to approve the August Regular Meeting Minutes. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Kamrath moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. David Loe – Normania 14 – Lift pump – Timm presented proposed project by David Loe to install a Lift Station on an established tile system in Normania Section 14. **Bach moved to approve the project with the condition that the lift pump may not run when the river/watershed is in Q10 Flood Stage. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments -Tom Andries reported that Lyon County has proposed their levy at 9.9%.
 - 3.2. Manager Reports- Kamrath reported regarding an Area II meeting recently regarding the Alta Vista Road retention project.

Briggs reported on a Lincoln County Commissioners meeting he was invited to regarding the recently approved permit by John Weverka 2025-040.

Kamrath and Buysse commented on the MAWA resolutions meeting that they attended. Both felt the new platform went better than they expected.

Bach provided updates regarding the Yellow Medicine SWCD’s cover crop and pasture programs. RCPP funds have been received and SWCDs are prioritizing non 1W1P priority areas.
 - 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm reported on recent permit activities and ditch activities.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report- Overholser reported on MAWA resolutions committee meetings and recent discussions regarding MPCA’s proposal to permit all agriculture tiling in Minnesota. She also gave an update on the progress of the 1W1P rewrite and timeline.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Richard Larson – Permit Norman 13 – Timm presented permit application and drainage agreement. Discussion took place among board. **Kamrath moved to approve 4.1. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Briggs abstaining.**
 - 4.2 Hauschild Dam – Bill provided update regarding issues regarding the drainage problems of the dam. Discussion took place among board and staff. No Motions were made.
 - 4.3 Brandon Kraus WBIF 2023-036 – Overholser reported that payment has been received, and the issue has been resolved.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Annual Meeting – Registration closes in Nov. **Buyse moved to allow any and all board and staff members to attend the annual meeting. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. 2025 Ditch Levy – Overholser presented 2025 Ditch Levy. **Buyse moved to approve the 2025 Ditch Levy. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. Roof Rack for Truck – **Bach moved to approve a topper or roof rack for the work truck. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25

- 6.1. Niska – Friendship 4 – \$13,367.97 – **2024-032**
- 6.2. Jeseritz Farms – Wood Lake 10/3 - \$6,000 – **2024-033**
Bach moved to give Overholser authorization to approve 6.1 and 6.2 when paperwork is completed. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 24/25

- 7.1. None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

Oct. Board Meeting	Wed. Oct. 15th 8:00 a.m.(Michelle will be Remote)
Annual Meeting	Dec. 3 rd to Dec. 5 th Arriving Dec. 2nd