



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

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

Others Present: Tom Andries, Luke Olson

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. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. November Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve the November Regular Meeting Minutes. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. Chris Buysse – Eidsvold 27-Closing part of an open ditch - Timm presented a permit application from Chris Buysse to close a portion of a private ditch and replace the ditch with an 18” main. Discussion took place between the board, and they determined that the adjacent downstream and upstream landowners of parcels would be impacted. Parcels include 05-027003-0, 05-027004-2, 05-027002-0 and 05-027005-0. The project should not impact landowners farther downstream because the main would have less capacity than an open ditch.
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments – none
 - 3.2. Manager Reports- Kamrath, Briggs and Bach reported on Annual Meeting. Buysse attended the drainage work group meeting and gave a report of possible changes to the ditch buffer reporting requirements.
 - 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm provided reports on Ditch Systems 16, 17 and 7, recent permitting and an increase beaver turned in for the bounty.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser reported on the annual meeting, and regular district business.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 None
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. 2024 YMRWD Annual Report - Overholser presented 2024 YMRWD Annual Report to board.
6. **YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 WBIF Grant**
 - 6.1. None



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

7.1. None

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

8.1. Vizecky 2023-022 \$9,919.00 **Bach moved to approve Cost-Share Voucher. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

8.2. Hanson 2022-010 \$6,568.02 **Faith motioned to grant Overholser authority to approve voucher after all required paperwork has been submitted. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

9.1. Vizecky 2023-034 - \$34,260

9.2. Pederson 2024-006 - \$39,369.60

9.3. Jerzak 2024-017 - \$4,801

9.4. Jerzak 2024-018 - \$1,644.75

Bach moved to approved Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 WBIF Grant 9.1 - 9.4. Olsen Seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

9.5. Gorecki 2024-012 - \$48,570.48

Bach moved to approve payment of 9.5, and if the Hanson project does not come in for payment, to pay a portion of the project out of the 22/23 WBIF Grant and to pay the remainder out of the 24/25 WBIF Grant. Olson Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – Kamrath moved to adjourn. Bach Seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 10:19 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting

Jan. 15th 8:00 a.m.

MADI Spring Meeting

March 6th Willmar