



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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June Activity Report

June 19, 2024

1. June Meeting

1.1 At the May meeting the board took action to hold the meeting regardless of the holiday and then staff would use that day as a floating holiday instead. After I sent the agenda out to the partners, I received an email suggesting that I might want to investigate the legality of holding a meeting and conducting business on a state recognized holiday. MN statute 645.44 Subd. 5. Holiday, states that “No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon.” After discussion with the board chair, it was decided to cancel the meeting vs. rescheduling. The agenda was very light on business, there were no dates open for a meeting in the next two weeks.

2. Permits to Approve

2.1 John Antony – Omro 32 – This permit was on the agenda to be discussed and the interested parties were invited to attend. Timm notified all parties that the meeting was cancelled, and this project will be on the agenda for the July meeting. Timm will contact all the interested parties the week before the next board meeting, to ensure that everyone knows when the meeting is taking place.

3. Public Comments and Reports

3.1 Manager Reports – Briggs came into the office to review and sign checks for the June bills. A full report of these will be included in the June financial report, which will be presented at the July meeting.

3.2 Technical Reports (Timm)

- 3.2.1 Permits - we saw an increase in permit applications, which isn't surprising with the amount of precipitation we've seen lately.
- 3.2.2 WD4 - Last month we received a complaint regarding debris and garbage in WD 4. On June 11th I removed 10 bags of garbage and one aluminum hood. I spent 6 hours removing all trash.
- 3.2.3 Porter Dam – I visited Porter Dam and spent some time removing some of the sticks and debris caught in the intake. Currently the water is not being backed up by debris but more will need to be removed once the water level drops a bit.
- 3.2.4 WD 16 - Kyle Jarcho came to the office last week to borrow the as-constructed documents for WD 16. Documents that were borrowed are confirmed to be copies. He will return them soon. No progress has been made on the Public Waters work Permit
- 3.2.5 Vacation - I will be on vacation in the Yellowstone Area from July 13th to the 21st and will not be at the July Board meeting.



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3.3 Admin Report (Overholser)

- 3.3.1 WBIF Grants – Not a lot of activity with either of the grant. There is some reporting due at the end of June and I have been working on that and ensuring that all our documentation is complete. I am finishing up and audit on the 22/23 grant. Currently waiting for 1 document from a contractor and then that will be complete.
- 3.3.2 Water Storage Modeling - On June 10th 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. This is something that I should be able to do in office. I'm really curious to how exactly it will work and hopefully have a few things to show you in July or August.
- 3.3.3 Mid-point planning grant (SAMs model) – With the 1W1P mid-point planning grant we are having the SAMs model ran and evaluating implementation efforts thus far. This should be wrapped up soon and should have a lot of good information to present at the August Policy committee meeting and board meeting.
- 3.3.4 Hwy 75 Tour – If you plan on attending, please register. There is a link on our website under Notices and also by visiting:
<https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/event/ray-archuleta-in-canby-mn/>

4 Old Business

- 4.1 K & R Farms Permit – 2023-064 – Timm has been in contact with this landowner and as of today we have not received the as-builts. He has contacted the contractor, and this item will be on the July agenda.
- 4.2 Summer Tour – Overholser and Timm will both be attending the Summer Tour. There are no board members attending. The office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

5 New Business

- 5.1 None

6 YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts 24/25

- 6.1 Zach Hennen – Alta Vista 4 – This contract is for cover crops and we will review it and act on it at the July meeting.

7 YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 24/25 Grant



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7.1 A payment request came in last week. I notified LQP SWCD that we were cancelling the meeting and that we will act on this payment at the July board meeting.

Dates to Note:

June Board Meeting

July 17th 8:00 a.m.

Summer Tour

June 25th – 26th

Hwy 75 Tour Canby

July 12th 10:00 a.m.