



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Randy Kamrath at 10:00 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.**

Staff Present: Jeremiah Timm, Michelle Overholser

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

Others Present: Tom Andries, Darwyn Bach

- 1.1. Set Agenda Buysse moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes Olsen moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 1.3. Treasurer Report Checking and savings reports given. No other financial reports were presented for October due to unexpected fees from BMO. Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 2. Permits to Approve**

- 2.1. None**

- 3. Public Comments and Reports**

- 3.1. Public Comments- Tom Andries provided report on Reginal Landfill changes that may impact Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties. Liners for landfills may become mandatory for demolition waste while currently the Lyon County Landfill has no liner.**
- 3.2. Manager Reports. Buysse provided report on a Parks Board Meeting for Garvin Park in Lyon County.**
- 3.3. Technical Reports Timm gave report on culvert and tile outlet repairs needed for WD 1, WD 4 and WD 16. WD 16 tile outlet repairs are currently stalled by DNR since the ditch system has a public water classification and may require a DNR Public Water Works Permit.**
- 3.4. Administrative Report Overholser provided report regarding new Board appointee, Darwyn Bach, to start November 1, 2023. Also gave update regarding 2022-23 grant with 814K originally available for the grant now has been completely encumbered. Next grant will be 1.3M which will become available after the next Policy Meeting.**

- 4. Old Business**

- 4.1 2023 Annual Meeting Overholser provided details for the 2023 Annual Meeting.**

- 5. New Business**

- 5.1. Office Tools Office tools are needed so staff can stop using personal equipment for work purposes. Briggs moved to approve. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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- 5.2. December meeting discussion **The December Board Meeting falls on the 20th but both Staff cannot make the meeting. Recommended to move to the 18th. Discussion took place and decided to table until next board meeting.**
- 5.3. WBIF Supplemental funds **Overholser also informed board that 7.75M of the 2022/2023 WBIF Grant was not allocated across the state and can be applied for to add to the YM1W1P WBIF Grant. The Watershed District plans to apply for some of the funds. Overholser is requesting permission to apply for those funds and enter into the grant agreement, if and when it is approved. Briggs moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.4. 2024/2025 WBIF Grant **Overholser provided update.**
- 5.5. Area II meeting **Overholser provided update.**

6. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Contracts

- 6.1. Lee Family Trust – Lucas 19 - \$7,365.60 **Briggs moved to approve. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments

- 7.1. Mitch Kling – 2023-027 340 Cover Crops - \$10,500 **Buysse moved to approve payment from the WBIF 22/23 Grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 7.2. Todd Merritt – 2023-016 638 Basin - \$36,125.56 **Buysse moved to approve approve payment from the 20/21 grant. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn At 10:54 A.M. Briggs moved to adjourn. Buysse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dates to Note:

November Board Meeting	Wednesday Nov. 15 th 10:00 a.m.
BSWR Academy	October 24 – 27
MAWD Conference	November 28 – Dec 1