



Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025, Wednesday 08:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm

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

Others Present: Gary Laleman, Ron Weverka, John Weverka, Dale Sovell, Marcia Kompelien, James Knofczynski, Kaye Christensen, Doug Albin, Thomas Briggs, Richard Larson, Orville Schultz, Helen Schultz.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs at 8:01 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Olsen moved to approve the agenda. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. May Regular Meeting Minutes **Kamrath moved to approve May Regular Meeting minutes. Olsen Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. John Weverka – Royal 29 – Timm presented Weverka’s tiling plans involving an 8 in main and 4” seepage lines. Weverka provided documentation showing that the project would not drain any wetlands and the county confirmed that Weverka’s land is benefited into CD 37, the receiving water for the project. James Knofczynski was presented and expressed his concerns with the project. **Kamrath moved to approve the project, Faith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Public Comments – Laleman from Lyon SWCD reported that they hired another employee.
 - 3.2. Manager Reports - None
 - 3.3. Technical Reports – Timm reported on recent permitting activities and Ditch actives.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser reported on the status of the 2024 audit, fiscal year grant reporting and ordinary district business.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Tiling without a permit – Normania 7 – Kaye Christensen – Staff presented as-builts provided by Christensen. Discussion took place regarding the next steps and directed Overholser to reach out with impacted landowners regarding a resolution. **Faith moved to table 4.1. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 4.2 Richard Larson – Permit Norman 13 **Bill Briggs Abstained from 2.1.** Tech presented a permit application from Richard Larson. The board discussed next steps for Larson and neighbors regarding reaching resolution and asked them to return in July with an agreement or plan in place. **Bach moved to table 4.2. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



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5. New Business

- 5.1. Drone Ditch inspection – Tech requested using a drone service to survey Watershed Ditches for recording keeping. **Faith moved to approve the use of a drone service company to fly WD 16. Bach seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. Sep IRA – Overholser presented the use of a Sep IRA for District staff. **Kamrath moved to approve 5.2. Faith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.3. 1W1P Update – Overholser presented 1W1P update, outlining the immediate and longer-term timetable for completing the evaluation of the current plan and the rewrite of the next 10 year comprehensive plan.
- 5.4. 2025 Dam Inspections – Overholser presented Dam inspections. Part of that discussion was also the findings on the Hauschild Dam. Area II had notified the District Friday afternoon, May 30th that the intake on the Dam was plugged. The District contacted our contractor the next business day, Monday June 2nd. Monday, June 16th we talked to the contractor again, and he let us know that he would be out to Hauschild and Sonstegard Dams by the end of the week. Due to weather conditions and the fact that he had suffered an injury the week before, he had not made it out there yet.
- 5.5. Lake John Dock – The city of Canby has a dock that is going to be sold. The board had a discussion that the District could purchase, or put a bid in on the dock to be used out at Lake John. **Bach moved to authorize Briggs to make a purchase of a bid on behalf of the District of up to \$2500. Kamrath seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

- 6.1. None

7. YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share Payments 24/25

- 7.1. None

Adjourn

Dates to Note:

July Board Meeting

Wed. July 16th 8:00 a.m.

Soil Health Event

June 24th 8:00 a.m. Marshall