Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2026, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Call to Order Staff Present: Jeremiah Timm, Michelle Overholser(Remote)
Board Members Present: Bill Briggs, Faith Olsen, Randy Kamrath, Tim Buysse
Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries, Kerry Netzke

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse at 8:02 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. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
    1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes **Olsen moved to approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes with correction 5.1 change "preformed" to "performed". Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
    1.3. Treasurer's Report **Olsen moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
    2.1. Randy Noble – Marshfield 4 – Timm presented permit application submitted by Randy Noble to install "bubble-up" on WD 8 Tile Branch 3. Noble noted in his application that he believes following a repair project from an upstream landowner, an intake was repaired or installed acting as a bubble-up outlet in high-water events causing overland flow across his property. Noble believes the installation of this bubble up will result in the pressure being relieved upstream and allow water to flow more directly into the road ditch in these high-water events. **Briggs moved to approve the Permit 2.1. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Public Comments and Reports**
    3.1. Manager Reports – Briggs reported on dock repairs and possible need for establishing rules regarding camping out at Lake John.
    3.2. Technical Report- Timm reported on ongoing permit actives and recent dam maintenance.
    3.3. Administrative Report- Overholser reported on 1W1P progress.

4. **Old Business**
    4.1. Summer Tour – Overholser presented schedule for Summer Tour 2026
    4.2. Hauschild Dam- Discussion took place between board members and staff regarding ongoing issues on Hauschild Dam. Timm recommended hiring Rugged Tree Service to attempt to break up debris within trash rack since no progress has been made by staff or landowners. **Olsen moved to allow Timm to hire Rugged Tree Service to unclog Hauschild Dam. Briggs Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **New Business**
   5.1. 2026 Delegates – Resolution Meeting Aug. 31st. 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
   Randy Kamrath and Bill Briggs as the 2026 delegates with Faith Olsen as Alternate.

6. **Ym1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 Grant**
   6.1. None

7. **YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 26/27 Grant**
   7.1. Kathryn Hauschild – 2026-010 – 378 Pond - $40,201.42
   Olsen moved to approve YM1W1P Cost-Share Contract 2026-010 for the 26/27 Grant with the condition that the policy committee approves to recommend the contract for funding. Briggs Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
   7.2. Doug Steffen – 2026-011 – 402 Dam - $138,222.81
   Kamrath moved to approve YM1W1P Cost-Share Contract 2026-011 for the 26/27 Grant with the condition that the policy committee approves to recommend the contract for funding. Briggs Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **YM1W1P Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 Grant**
   8.1. None

Olsen moved to adjourn meeting. Briggs seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 A.M.

Dates to Note:

YMRWD Annual Meeting	Aug. 3rd 9:00 a.m.
August 1W1P policy meeting	Aug. 3rd 10:00 a.m.
August Board Meeting	Aug. 19th 8:00 a.m.
Summer Tour Detroit Lakes	Mon Aug 24th Evening reception
	Tues Aug 25th Education Sessions 1-5, Banquet 6-9
	Wed Aug 26th Bus tour 8-5
	Thurs Aug 27th BWSR board meeting morning