

Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Jeremiah Timm, Michelle Overholser

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

Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Faith Olsen 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. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes **Briggs moved to approve the July Regular Meeting Minutes. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer's Report **Kamrath moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. Chris Oakland – Omro 33 – Timm presented a Tiling Permit submitted by Chris Oakland to add seepage lines to existing mains. Oakland had approached staff on August 11th regarding a landowner, Keith Citrowske, who refused to sign off on the project without providing a reason to Oakland. A letter was sent out on Oakland's behalf on August 12th with the project details and an invitation to the board meeting or to call the office with concerns regarding the proposed project. Staff had not heard from Citrowske and Citrowske did not attend the meeting. **Briggs moved to approve the permit application. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Manager Reports -
 - 3.2. Public Comments – Andries provided brief updates regarding the Lyon County levy increase. Commissioners are attempting to keep the increase under 10% but potentially will have to have a 12.8% increase.
Lalemen updated that the Lyon SWCD has hired 2 new Conservation Technicians.
 - 3.3. Technical Report – Timm reported on recent permitting activities.
 - 3.4. Administrative Report – Overholser reported on day to day activities and 1W1P updates.
- 9:00 a.m. Close Meeting Budget Hearing Open Meeting (Canceled)**
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1. 2026 Delegates – Resolution Meeting Aug. 31st. 10:00 a.m. via Zoom-Reminder

- 4.2. Cory Hoffman Culvert** – after the fact – Overholser presented the after-the-fact permit application from Hoffman and provided all findings which included no new findings. Staff recommended the board move forward with an approval or denial. **Briggs moved to table. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. New Business

- 5.1. Lake John **Kamrath moved to table Lake John business until the September board meeting. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.2. Limestone Township section 11/12 culvert replacement – Overholser presented a request from Limestone Township for financial help in replacing a corrugated metal culvert located between sections 11 and 12. Discussion took place between board members. **Kamrath moved to deny request for financial assistance in the township culvert replacement.**
- 5.3. Set Budget Hearing for September **Briggs moved to set budget hearing for September 16th at 9:00 A.M.**

6. Ym1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 Grant

- 6.1. None

7. YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 26/27 Grant

- 7.1. 2026-009 – Paluch – 638 WASCB - \$49,622.76
- 7.2. 2026-012 – Sterzinger – 638 WASCB - \$135,240.30
- 7.3. 2026-013 – Zimmerman – 638 WASCB - \$15,848.19
- 7.4. 2026-008 – Popowski – 340/329 Cover & Reduce Till - \$54,570

Briggs moved to approve 7.1 2026-009, 7.2 2026-012, 7.3 2026-013 and 7.4 2026-008 YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts from the 26/27 grant. Kamrath Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. YM1W1P Cost-Share Vouchers 24/25 Grant

- 8.1. None

Briggs moved to adjourn meeting. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Dates to Note:

August Board Meeting

Summer Tour Detroit Lakes

Aug. 19th 8:00 a.m.

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