

Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Staff Present: Jeremiah Timm, Michelle Overholser

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

Others Present: Gary Laleman, Tom Andries, Kerry Netzke, John Beren

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Tim Buysse at 8:00 A.M. at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office located at 122 North Jefferson Street Minneota, MN.
 - 1.1. Set Agenda **Briggs moved to approve the agenda. Kamrath seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes **Bach moved to approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - 1.3. Treasurer's Report **Briggs moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Permits to Approve**
 - 2.1. Lois Conway – Wergeland 14 – Conway has applied for a culvert project to replace an existing culvert which had been recently removed a neighboring landowner. The existing culvert size is unknown but suspected to be a 15” or 18” pipe spanning approximately 40’. Conway has proposed a 24” pipe running approximately 40 feet to better accommodate waterflow in the area.
Briggs moved to approve the project with the stipulation that the culvert be sized between 12” and 24” and run approximately 40’ with the bottom of the culvert set to an elevation of 1141.7’. Bach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Briggs moved to allow Overholser to adjust the elevation of the bottom of the culvert following a survey if necessary. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Comments and Reports**
 - 3.1. Manager Reports - None
 - 3.2. Technical Report- Timm provided updates regarding recent permit application, beaver bounty activity over the last month and site visits preformed at the Sonstegard and Hauschild Dams.
 - 3.3. Administrative Report – Overholser provided report regarding recent office actives and 1W1P updates.

4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1. Hauschild Dam – Timm presented the board with images of the elevated water levels at the dam and images of logs and other debris on the structure. Timm presented estimate from Austin Thompson to remove and burn debris on site ranging from 1300-1800 depending on skid steer hours and man hours. Timm also recommended hiring Rugged Tree Service to unclog the dam as it is currently blocked with branches. **Bach moved to approve hiring Thompson and Rugged Tree Service. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 4.2. Truck topper – Timm presented 3 estimates for fiberglass truck toppers with top racks ranging from \$3168 to \$4278. Timm also presented a utility rack currently available at Harbor Freight for approximately \$300 and recommended the Watershed purchased the utility rack. No motions were made.

5. New Business

- 5.1. JD 12 Improvement Project -Overholser provided updates and new details regarding the JD 12 Improvement Project. No Motions were made.
- 5.2. Hoffman/Regnier – Wergeland 14- Overholser presented current finding regarding a private ditch project conducted by Corey Hoffman. **Faith moved for the Watershed District to seek legal counsel. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Ym1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 24/25 Grant

- 6.1. 2024-042 - Zachary Geistfeld = Echo 6 - \$6,948 -**Olsen moved to approve the YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share 24/25 Contract 6.1. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6.2. 2024-043 - Scott Matthys – Posen 32 - \$500 **Kamrath moved to approve the YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share 24/25 Contract 6.2. Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. YM1W1P Cost-Share Contracts 26/27 Grant

- 7.1. 2026-001 – John Rogers – Wergeland 36 – \$59,105
 - 7.2. 2026-002 – Hunter Lecy – Sioux Agency 5 – \$60,000
 - 7.3. 2026-003 – Joel Timm – Wood Lake 26 - \$54,540
 - 7.4. 2026-004 – Charles Timm – Sandnes 40 - \$44,010
 - 7.5. 2026-005 – Bryce Hansen – Sioux Agency – 5 - \$60,000
 - 7.6. 2026-006 – Brien Hansen – Wook Lake – 13 - \$60,000
- Briggs moved to approve the YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share 26/27 Contracts 7.1. and 7.3-7.6. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Kamrath moved to authorized Overholser to approve the YM1W1P WBIF Cost-Share 26/27 Contract 7.2. to 7.4 when all documents have been received. Olsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. YM1W1P Cost-Share Vouchers

- 8.1. None

Olsen moved to Adjourn the meeting. Kamrath seconded. Meeting adjourned at

Dates to Note:

May Board Meeting
Summer Tour

May 20th 8:00 a.m.
August 25th to 27th Brainard