YELLOW MEDICINE
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OCTOBER 22, 2026

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Darwyn Bach at 9:03 AM. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.
Those present:
Darwyn Bach – Vice-Chair
DeLon Clarksean – Secretary
Tom Remmele - Treasurer
Brayden Anderson – Director
Emily Albin – Office Administrator
Mitch Kling – County Commissioner

II. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve agenda as presented. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

III. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated September 24, 2026. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve treasurer's report for month of October 2026. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:
- a. Approval
  - i. 2026-01 – Dan Enger – 638 WASCOB/620 Underground Outlet – Sioux Agency 25 – Total Project Cost $20,701.21 – Contract Total $15,525.96 – Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve contract 2026-01. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

VI. REPORTS.
- b. Staff Reports:
  - i. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on 1026 & building permits, CD5 project, cover crop certifications, structural projects, attended LqPWD Policy meeting, Manager Meeting, conducted staff reviews, and working on application for technical grant.
    1. Report on behalf of CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS – Updates on tree program, structural practices, RIM easement inspections and applications, AgBMP, SWAG sampling, and attended windbreak training.
  - ii. Report on behalf of DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on WD soil health contracts, soil sampling project, fall inspections beginning, attended LqP Policy meeting, and drainage water management Facebook post.
  - iii. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on Q3 reporting & financials, finished mailing RIM inspections, and Q3 budget update.
- c. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
  - i. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended YMWD meeting yesterday with Policy meeting Nov 2.
  - ii. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– attended LqPWD policy meeting but there was no quorum.
  - iii. SUPERVISOR NELSON– *absent*
  - iv. SUPERVISOR NISKA – *absent*
  - v. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – will be attending YMWD Policy meeting on Nov 2.
- d. PARTNER REPORTS:
  - i. YM Commissioner Kling – 5-year road plan is updated and available online, budget discussions are continuing.

VII. Old Business
- i. Yellow Medicine Priority area – discussion/no action
- ii. Employee Insurance – discussion/no action

VIII. New Business
- i. Prairie Sportsman AIS Renewal – decision- Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to renew Prairie Sportsman AIS 2 year agreement for $5000. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- ii. NACD Annual Convention February 6-10th- Decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to send Michael to the NACD Annual Convention with a budget of up to $3500. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- iii. MASWCD Annual Convention – Nov 30th-Dec 2nd – discussion.

IX. Next Meeting
- i. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to move the next meeting of the Board to TUESDAY, November 24 @ 9am due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- ii. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to move the December meeting of the Board to TUESDAY, December 22 @ 9am due to Christmas Eve holiday. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

X. Meeting adjourned by call of vice-chair at 10:51AM

APPROVED: _____ DATE: 11-24-26