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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT July 24, 2025

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Remmele at 9:00 AM.
Those present:

Tom Remmele – Chair	Michael Pitzl – Conservation Technician
Jerry Nelson – Vice-Chair	Ryan Reishus – Conservation Technician
Darwyn Bach – Secretary	Garrett Niska – Citizen
Brayden Anderson – Director	Mitch Kling – CO Commissioner
Emily Albin – Office Administrator	

II. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.

III. After removing V. Approvals, payments & amendments: a. Payment: Waterway 2023-02 Scott Rigge line item and adding New Business: c. Resolution 2025-05-3.2, motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve agenda as updated. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve minutes of the last meeting dated June 24, 2025. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve treasurers report for month of July 2025. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS: *none*

VII. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:
1. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON provided updates on WCA, RCPP, Yellow Med 1W1P upcoming meeting, LqP-YB 1W1P policy meeting, and Russell Hedrick Field Day on July 18.
2. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN updated on quarterly filing tasks, RIM inspection letters and ownership change requests.
3. TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS updated on tree program, CREP applications/progress, and tree planting and windbreak training in Windom last week.
4. TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL updated that buffer inspections were finalized and process for noncompliant buffers. Updated on environmental fair progress. Informed board about Wood Lake buffer/water quality complaint.

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
1. SUPERVISOR DARWYN BACH attended Russell Hedrick field day.
2. SUPERVISOR DELON CLARKSEAN *absent*
3. SUPERVISOR JERRY NELSON attended TSA meeting
4. SUPERVISOR TOM REMMELE updated possible new vendor – Bryce Hansen has a drone spray/seeding company.

c. PARTNER REPORTS:
1. CO COMMISSIONER MITCH KLING – update that work on Ditch 9 is continuing.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Area 3 Supervisor Candidates- Motion by Darwyn Bach to offer Garrett Niska the vacant Area 3 Supervisor position, seconded by Jerry Nelson. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

b. MASWCD District Manager Leadership program – Director Anderson updated the board with additional information about the program. Motion by Darwyn Bach for Director Anderson to attend the MASWCD District Manager Leadership program, seconded by Jerry Nelson. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

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c. Shooting Star Native Seed Vendor- Dismissed - No action
d. RCPP Soil Health Ranking Questions- Motion by Darwyn Bach to approve updated RCPP Soil Health Ranking Questions, seconded by Jerry Nelson. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2024 Financial Audit – Discussion. Motion by Jerry Nelson to approve 2024 Financial Audit, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried
b. FM Bank Safety Deposit Box Access Authorization – FM Bank needs a letter of authorization to allow staff to access the Safety Deposit Box. Emily Albin submitted a letter of authorization based on FM Bank's requested language. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve authorization letter as written. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

c. Resolution 2025-05-3.2 Cost Share Policy Update- Director Anderson presented updated language in Resolution 2025-05-3.2. Motion by Darwyn Bach to adopt resolution as written, seconded by Jerry Nelson. Roll call:

Tom Remmele – Yay
Jerry Nelson - Yay
Darwyn Bach – Yay

Motion carried.

X. Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 9AM

XI. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 10:35 AM

APPROVED: Thomas J. Remmele

DATE: 8-28-25

Yellow Medicine County SWCD Monthly Treasurers Report

2025	July 25			August 28
Use of Cash	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
District Checking	$ 245,125.34	$ 22,176.30	$ 46,938.88	$ 220,362.76
Savings Accounts	$ 312,394.41	$ 365.56		$ 312,759.97
Certificates of Deposit	$ 455,373.86	$ 1,919.77		$ 457,293.63
TOTALS	$ 1,012,893.61	$ 24,461.63	$ 46,938.88	$ 990,416.36

RECEIPTS:

deposited to:	Received from:	For:		Amount:
CDs	F&M Bank	interest		$ 600.29
Checking	ESE (Ecosystems Services Ex	staff assistance reimb.		$ 950.00
Checking	SWPTSA	Soil Health Staffing Grant		$ 641.75
Checking	Yellow Medicine CO	AIS allocation		$ 19,469.50
Checking	F&M Bank	interest		$ 25.05
Savings	F&M Bank	interest		$ 365.56
CDs	F&M Bank	interest	*x4 cds*	$ 1,319.48
Checking		tree sales		$ 1,090.00

DISBERSEMENTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

CK#	Payable to:	For:			Amount:
DD, EFTPS, 13557		payroll & liabilities	*PPE 7/18/25*		$ 11,167.40
13558	Yellow Medicine County	health, dental, life			$ 3,000.13
13561	MASWCD	training	*Brayden- Director Training*		$ 4,200.00
13562	Yellow Medicine County	Office 365	*Office 365*		$ 71.66
13563	Lac qui Parle SWCD	ESE work reimbursement			$ 100.00
13564	Renville SWCD	ESE work reimbursement			$ 600.00
13565	Clarkfield Hardware				$ 59.83
13566	Xcel Energy	electricity for shed			$ 82.68
13567	AT&T	telephone/internet			$ 138.09
13568	Consumers Coop	fuel & maintenance			$ 376.55
DD, EFTPS,		payroll & liabilities			$ 10,721.27
ADJ			*Fixed QuickBook Sales Tax error*		$ (6.83)
13569	Citizens Alliance Bank VISA		*Advertising*	*90.00*	
			MCIT Training-BA&EA	*150*	
			Zoom & WIX annu	*507.90*	
			deed lookup	*12*	
			drone battery	*200.99*	
			AIS FB contest	*500*	$ 1,460.89
13570	Loffler	office supplies			$ 33.39
DD, EFTPS, 13573		payroll & liabilities			$ 11,383.21
13571	Yellow Medicine County	health, dental, life			$ 3,000.13
13574	Ryan Reishus	employee expense	*travel meals, gravel for shed*		$ 144.29
13575	Yellow Medicine County	Office 365			$ 71.66
13572	4K Kustom Kreations	employee expense	*shirt logos*		$ 231.00
13576	Brayden Anderson	employee expense	*Travel meals, phone reimbur*		$ 103.53

Treasurer Signature

8-28-25

Date