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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JULY 23, 2026

- I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Nelson at 9:01 AM. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.
Those present:
Jerry Nelson – Chair
Darwyn Bach – Vice-Chair
DeLon Clarksean – Secretary
Garret Niska – Public Relations & Information
Brayden Anderson – Director
Emily Albin – Office Administrator
Mitch Kling – County Commissioner
Luke Olson – BWSR Board Conservationist
- II. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve agenda as presented. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- III. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated June 25, 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- IV. Payments & Treasurer's Report- Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve treasurer's report for month of July 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:
 - a. Approval
 - i. RCPP – July applications – *none, no action*
 - b. Payments
 - i. RCPP – July payouts – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve payment for Ct# 87-4-2 – 329 No Till/Strip Till – 3 year – 242 acres – Ct total #22,470 – July payment \$7,260, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:4 Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Employee health Insurance – Discussion
 - b. Resolution 2026-7-2.2 Personnel Policy – insurance & benefits updated language – Decision - Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve Resolution 2026-7-2.2 Personnel Policy, seconded by Garret Niska. Roll call vote:
Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Garret Niska – Yea. Motion carried.
- VII. New Business
 - a. 2027 Draft Budget – Decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to approve 2027 Draft Budget, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Petition for County Ditch 9 Storage Ponds – Decision. Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve signing of the petition, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Roll call vote: Roll call vote:
Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Garret Niska – Yea. Motion carried.
- VIII. REPORTS
Due to time constraints, order was shuffled:
 - a. Partner report – BWSR Board Conservationist Luke Olson – updated on new GAM ops changes, BWSR presentations across state including potential upcoming trainings, legislative session/bonding & grant changes, RCPP mid-year review, 1W1P listening session state-wide opportunities.
 - b. Supervisor DeLon Clarksean – LqP-YB policy meeting update including grant statuses, budget, and project updates.
 - c. Staff Reports:
 - i. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on 1026 & building permits, attended local 1W1P listening session, upcoming Manager Meeting in Sept, Plan work group meeting, upcoming policy meeting, upcoming TSA virtual meeting, attended Manager Cohort training, Soil Health Field Day held 7.17.26.
 1. Conservation Technician (Ryan) report given by Director – updates on tree program, machinery maintenance, structural projects, RIM easements, AgBMP, SWAG sampling, attending Conservation Planner training this week.
 2. District Technician (Michael) report given by Director – Buffer inspections will be starting soon, updates on RCPP, attended LqP-YBWD Policy meeting, Soil Health Field day, received JAA in 5 areas, received drone pilot license, attending Conservation Planner training this week.

Supervisor DeLon Clarksean left at this time



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- ii. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – completed end of month and end of quarter filings, input RCPP staff time for mid-year review in eLink, submitted SAFES report, got a new laptop and have been dealing with compatibility and printer issues, continuing to clean up WCA files and organizing basement filing.
 - 1. Q2 update – discussed Q2 ending finances and assigned funds status
- d. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
 - i. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended Soil Health field day
 - ii. SUPERVISOR NELSON– attended TSA meeting and prevailing wage discussion, attended County Ditch 9 meeting
 - iii. SUPERVISOR NISKA – *none*
 - iv. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – *not in attendance.*
- e. PARTNER REPORTS:
 - i. County/Mitch Kling – have started working on 2027 budget and County Ditch 9 progress update.

- IX. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026, 9am
- X. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:08AM

APPROVED: _____

DATE: _____

8-27-26