YELLOW MEDICINE
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Nelson at 9:04 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
Tom Remmele - Treasurer
Brayden Anderson – Director
Emily Albin – Office Administrator
Mitch Kling – County Commissioner

II. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve agenda as presented. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

III. Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated August 27, 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried. DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve treasurer's report for month of September 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

a. Approval
   i. RCPP
      1. Ct# 87-2-8 – 512 Pasture/Hay – 5 years – 21 acres – Ct total $16,667 – Motion to approve by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele to approve Ct #87-2-8. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
   ii. LQP-YB WD – Approved Sept 2, 2026 - *FYI no action needed*
      1. Ct# C25-2026-16 – Dorn Severtson –329 No Till/Strip Till & 340 Multi-species Cover Crop – 2 years – 121 acres – Ct Total - $21,780
   iii. YM WD – Approved Sept 16, 2026 – *FYI no action needed*
      1. Ct# 2026-007 – Macik Farm Partnership – 340 Cover Crops – 3 years – 188.4 acres – Ct Total - $28,260

b. Payments
   i. RCPP
      1. Ct# 87-2-3 - 329 No Till/Strip Till & 340 Multi-species Cover Crop – 3 years – 94.5acres – Ct Total $25,000 – 1st payment request $8,333 - Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve 1st payment for Ct#87-2-3. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
      2. Ct# 87-2-4 - 329 No Till/Strip Till & 340 Multi-species Cover Crop – 3 years – 156 acres – Ct Total $25,000 – 1st payment request $8,333 Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve 1st payment for Ct#87-2-3. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:
   i. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on WCA, ESE-DWM, LqP Watershed District, CD5, Little Falls Local Work Group mtg, Soil Health Delivery 2027 grant outlook, CD9, Yellow Med Plan Work group, Area 5 election outcome, WBIF coordinator presentation
      1. Report on behalf of CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS – Updates on tree program, RIM inspection status, AgBMP applications, SWAG sampling, TSA survey training, BWSR RIM training, Wetland delineation training, & attending Area 2 Tech Tree Program meeting.
      2. Report on behalf of DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on RCPP, waitlist created for producers inquiring about Soil Health Cost Share, attended and worked the SWCD booth at Strip Till Expo, finished planning meetings for eFair
   ii. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – started cleaning out the storage closet, finished organizing WCA files & cost share folders, RIM inspection mailings, AgBMP flier & mailing, LqP priority area mailing, coming up end of Q3.

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
   i. SUPERVISOR BACH– *none*
   ii. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– attended LqPWD policy meeting, update on watershed storage project
   iii. SUPERVISOR NELSON– update on TSA meeting, focus on prevailing wage & IDPs, Jan 7 next meeting
   iv. SUPERVISOR NISKA – *absent*
   v. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – shared news article

c. PARTNER REPORTS:
   i. YM Commissioner Kling – preliminary levy numbers, Ditch 9 update
   ii. NRCS – written update provided by DC Jeff Berens covering Local Work group meeting, NRCS cost share/EQIP/CSP, CRP update, wetland requests

VI. Old Business
   i. Yellow Medicine Priority area – discussion/no action
   ii. Employee Insurance – discussion *(Possibly decision)* – Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to move forward with Galigher BCBS proposal unless Consortium comes back significantly cheaper with a comparable plan by October 8. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

VII. New Business
   i. Resolution 2026-08 - Employee Policy – Update prorated leave – decision. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve updates on Resolution 2026-08. Roll call vote:
   Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Tom Remmele – Yea. Motion carried.
   ii. MASWCD 2026 Resolutions Packet & voting – discussion and voting completed, Admin Albin to submit Supervisor votes to MASWCD.

VIII. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ 9am.

IX. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:40AM

APPROVED: Thomas J. Remmele DATE: 10-22-26