



MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MARCH 27, 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

Tom Remmele – Treasurer

Brayden Anderson – Director

Emily Albin – Office Administrator

Michael Pitzl – District Technician

Ryan Reishus – Conservation Technician

Luke Olson – BWSR Board Conservationist

Kelly Heather – NRCS District Conservationist

II. After adding line items– Yellow Medicine WD FYI approvals x3, Director Lyon County’s Buffer Partnership inquiry report, NRCS Kelly Heather Local Work Group Meeting, New Business RTK Drone

Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve agenda as updated. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

III. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated February 26, 2026. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Remmele Arrives

IV. Payments & Treasurer’s Report- Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve treasurers report for month of March 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

a. Approval

i. RCPP – March – Decision – List of applications, including possible April applications

Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve March RCPP applications as listed.

Affirmative:4, Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Contract #	Ranking Score	Cost	Total Spent if Approved	Acres	Practice	Notes	Key
Leftover Feb Funds			\$ (9,614)				\$120,000 March
87-7-1	50	\$ 23,875	\$ 14,261	154.8	S-CC		\$120,000 April
87-7-2	45	\$ 25,000	\$ 39,261	176	S-CC		
87-7-3	45	\$ 5,220	\$ 44,481	174	NoTill		S-CC= Single Species
87-7-4	45	\$ 8,000	\$ 52,481	134	M-CC		M-CC= Multi Species
87-7-5	36	\$ 6,828	\$ 59,309	99.3	M-CC/NoTill		P/H= Pasture Hay
87-7-6	35	\$ 16,840	\$ 76,149	94	M-CC		NoTill= NoTill/StripTill
87-7-7	35	\$ 3,520	\$ 79,669	4.4	P/H		
87-7-8	35	\$ 16,000	\$ 95,669	20	P/H		Ranking Score Range: 1-86
87-6-4	30	\$ 14,792	\$ 110,461	94.2	S-CC/NoTill		
	35	\$ 15,813	\$ 126,274	163.5	NoTill	Needs operator status	Not Confirmed
	31	\$ 25,000	\$ 151,274	33	P/H	contract sign needed	
	30	\$ 16,000	\$ 167,274	295	NoTill		
	25	\$ 2,631	\$ 169,905	87.7	NoTill	contract sign needed	
	25	\$ 17,360	\$ 187,265	21.7	P/H	contract sign needed	
	21	\$ 25,000	\$ 212,265	40	P/H	contract sign needed	
	35	\$ 8,000	\$ 220,265	134	M-CC	maps/contract needed	

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30	\$ 9,000	\$ 229,265	100	NoTill	maps/contract needed
45	\$ 8,000	\$ 237,265	134	M-CC	maps/contract needed
15	\$ 3,300	\$ 240,565	60	NoTill	maps/contract needed
26	\$ 1,950	\$ 242,515	65	NoTill	maps/contract needed
35	\$ 25,000	\$ 267,515	32	P/H	maps/contract needed
Leftover March:		\$ 9,539			

ii. RCPP – April – Director approval request – decision

Motion to give Director authorization to approve and sign April RCPP contracts not to exceed \$25,000 per contract with 15-point minimum score. Staff will score all new contracts and adjust ranking list as necessary by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried

iii. MNAWQCP application – Hunter Lecy – FYI – *no action*

iv. Yellow Med WD – FYI – *no action*

1. Garrett Cole – 2024-038 – 340/329 - \$15,633 - FYI
2. Richard Larson – 2024-039 – Alternative Intakes - \$1500 - FYI
3. Dale Louwagie – 2026-001 – 329 - \$6570 – FYI

VI. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:

- a. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on WCA, attended County Weed Meeting, updated County Board on 1WIP request for extension, Buffer meeting in Granite Falls, Manager Meeting, BWSR brainstorming structural process, TSA discussion on prevailing wage, additional area partnership updates.
  - i. Lyon County’s Buffer partnership inquiry – discussion *no action*
- b. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on year-end reporting, financials sent to auditor, SWCD Admin meeting announced for June, discussed MACD poster contest
- c. CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS – Updates on Tree Program, structural projects, attended MN River Valley LTT meeting.
- d. DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on RCPP, annual rainfall report, trainings attended for RCPP and Buffer, eFair meeting, Ag Peer group for Soil Health technicians

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

- a. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended WD State Legislative Day & Yellow Med WD meeting
- b. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– has LqP/Yellow Bank Policy committee meeting in April
- c. SUPERVISOR NELSON– *none*
- d. SUPERVISOR NISKA – *not in attendance*
- e. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – *none*

c. PARTNER REPORTS:

- a. County/Mitch Kling – *not in attendance*
- b. NRCS – Kelly Heather, District Conservationist – EQIP update, Local work group meeting information & survey, CSP update
  - i. NRCS Local Work Group Meeting due by June 26, 2026 – decision  
Motion by Tom Remmele to hold Local Work Group Meeting after the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on May 28, 2026, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- c. BWSR – Luke Olson – Updates on Clean Water Comp Project & Practices grant, MDM, RCPP, FY26 changes on GAM, Yellow Med 1WIP extension request, Watershed Districts

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FM Bank signing authority letter – decision – Motion to approve as written by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- b. Safe Deposit signature card – signature needed – *signature received*



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- c. Resolution – 2026-04-6 Charges for Services – add tree return/refund policy - decision Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve Resolution 2026-04-6 Charges for Services, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Roll call vote: Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea. Motion carried.

d. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Plan for employee extended absences – discussion *no action taken*
- b. RTK Drone – Decision – Motion by Tom Remmele to purchase the drone package presented from Buffer Grant funds by Tom Remmele, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried

VIII. Motion by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach for the next meeting of the Board to be scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IX. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:31AM

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

4-23-26