

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 22, 2024

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by vice-Chair Tom Remmele at 9:03 AM Those present:

Tom Remmele – Vice-Chair
Darwyn Bach - Treasurer
Jerry Nelson – Secretary
Brayden Anderson – SR Conservation TECH

Anita Borg – Office Administrator Mitch Kling – CO Commissioner Michael Pitzl – Conservation TECH Apprentice Luke Olson – BWSR BC

- II. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the Mission statement.
- III. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve the agenda. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve Board minutes of the last regular meeting dated July 25, 2024 as edited. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- V. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve payments and treasurers report subject to audit for month of August, 2024. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- VI. APPROVALS & PAYMENTS:
 - a. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve payment of contract #2024-02 in the amount of \$4,500 utilizing FY23 Cost Share funds. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS:

a. STAFF REPORTS:

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, ANITA BORG informed the Board of progress on the annual financial report, summarized some policy research and reminded the Board of next Area V meeting.

SENIOR CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN BRAYDEN ANDERSON gave updates on RIM; CREP; and WCA and reported on buffer inspection progress. He also informed the Board that our Conservation Technician Apprentice would be available limited hours around his class schedule if the SWCD wished to continue with his employment.

CONTINUE CONSERVATION TECH APPRENTICE POSITION. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson to continue employing Micheal Pitzl as conservation tech apprentice while accommodating his class schedule. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR BACH reported on Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank 1W1P.

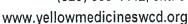
SUPERVISOR REMMELE reported on Yellow Medicine 1W1P.

c. PARTNER REPORTS:

LUKE OLSON, BWSR BC, shared information with the Board on upcoming BWSR soil health grant opportunities.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Board was provided with update information from SCSC regarding the new hire search.
- b. The Board continues to seek candidates for SWCD Supervisor District 3.
- c. The Board continues to seek candidates for the Soil Health mentor position.





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IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. RESOLUTION 2024-02-4 SWCD AID USE GUIDELINES. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve Resolution 2024-02-4 SWCD Aid Use Guidelines. Affirmative: 3.
 Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to add the following to our Local Cost Share Policy: section VI. Item xi. Should the land occupier fail to maintain the practice(s) during the effective life, the land occupier is liable to the organization for up to 150% of the amount of financial assistance received. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion was held regarding prioritization of AgBMP funds.
- d. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to authorize staff to submit the workplan as discussed for the Soil Health Delivery Grant. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- e. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to authorize staff to enter into grant agreements on behalf of the SWCD. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- f. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson to authorize staff spending up to \$3,000 per month. Affirmative: 3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- X. Next meeting scheduled for September 26, 9 AM.

XI. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:03 AM.

APPROVED:

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Yellow Medicine County SWCD Monthly Treasurers Report

2024	2024			July 27				
Use of Cash	Begi	Beginning Balance		Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance		
District Checking	\$	191,289.72	\$		\$ 16,629.60			
Savings Accounts	\$	310,253.57	\$	223.37	The Party of the State of the S	\$ 310,476.94		
Certificates of Deposit	\$	393,740.50	\$	1,884.15	A LEADING TO A LONG TO A L	\$ 395,624.65		
TOTALS	\$	895,283.79	\$	70,353.98	\$ 16,629.60	\$ 949,008.17		

RECEIPTS:

deposited to:	Received from:		For:		Am	Amount:	
Checking	F&M Bank		interest		\$	24.22	
CDs	F&M Bank		interest		\$	1,671.89	
Savings	F&M Bank		interest		\$	223.37	
Checking	ESE (Ecosystems Services Exchan	ge)	staff assistance reimb.	on behalf of cooperating SWCDs	\$	450.00	
Checking	Yellow Medicine CO		Quarterly allotment	Q3	\$	32,650.00	
CDs	F&M Bank		interest		\$	212.26	
Checking	LQP-YB Watershed DIST		staff assistance reimb.		\$	1,619.60	
Checking			tree sales		\$	747.14	
Checking	ST of MN - BWSR	Traini	ng grant (HWY 75 event	:)	\$	11,591.00	
Checking	Yellow Medicine CO		AIS allocation		\$	21,164.50	

DISBERSEMENTS/ACC	OUNTS PAYABLE:
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DISBERSEMENTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABL	E:		
CK# Payable to:	For:	Amo	unt:
13311 Southwest Sanitation	education & outreach porta potties HWY 75 event	\$	530.00
13312 Xcel Energy	electricity for shed	\$	43.61
13313 AT&T	hotspot & cell	\$	87.99
13314 Lac qui Parle SWCD	ESE work reimbursement	\$	150.00
13315 Lyon SWCD	ESE work reimbursement	\$	250.00
DD, EFTPS	payroll & liabilities 8/9/2024	\$	7,865.72
13316 Citizens Alliance Bank VISA	annual ZOOM fee \$ 159.90		
	Annual WIX fee (website) \$ 348.00	\$	507.90
13317 Clarkfield One Stop	education & outreach ice for HWY 75 event	\$	37.45
13318 Consumers Coop	fuel & maintenance	\$	386.75
13319 Yellow Medicine County	health, dental, life	\$	1,406.16
13320 Yellow Medicine County	Office 365	\$	71.66
13321 MN Soil Health Coalition	education & outreach speaker expense, HWY 75 event	\$	5,149.39
13322 Brayden Anderson	employee expense	\$	81.00
13323 Anita Borg	employee expense	\$	61.97