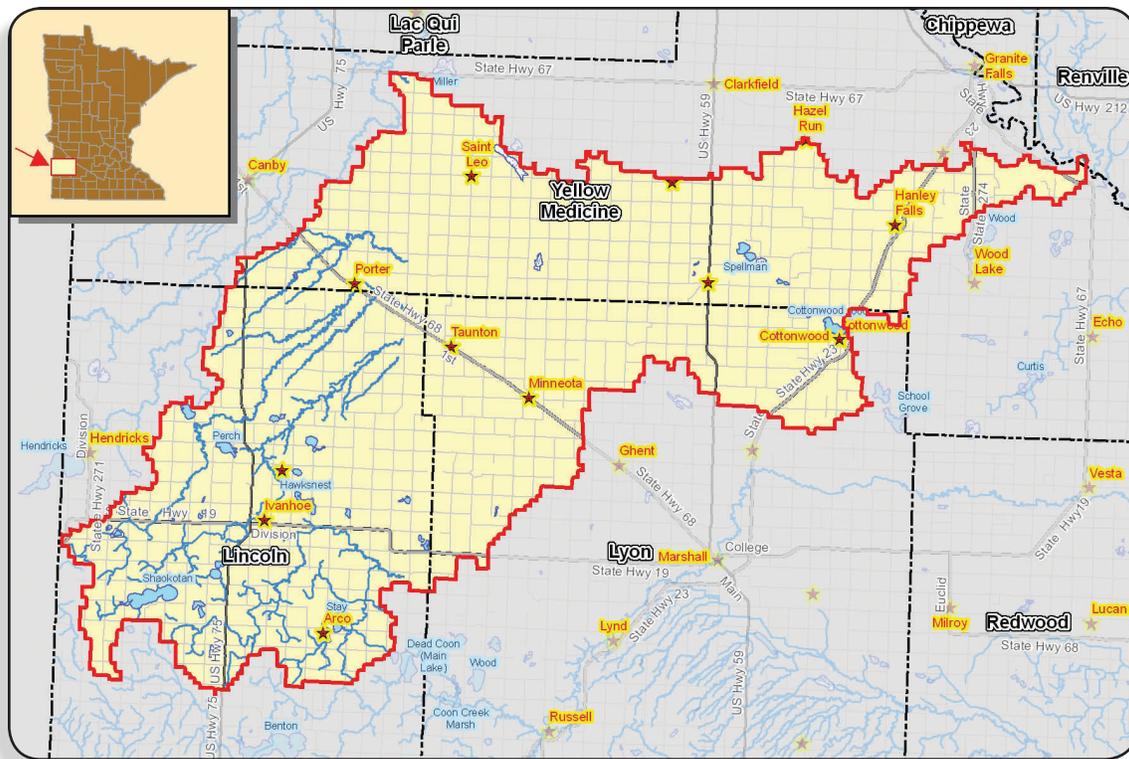


Yellow Medicine River

WATERSHED DISTRICT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: August 27, 1971
by county petition

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Included Counties: Yellow Medicine,
Lincoln, Lyon

District Size: 685 square miles
Yellow Medicine River: 273 miles

Major Lakes: Lake Shaokatan,
Cottonwood Lake, Lake Stay, and 15
smaller lakes

Number of Staff: 2

2008 Taxable Market Value:
\$1,032,272,200

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Donald Oerter	President	Lincoln	2231 County Rd. 8, Tyler, MN	(507) 247-3839
Richard Jelen	Treasurer	Yellow Medicine	2130 290th St N, Taunton, MN 56291	(507) 224-2192
Tim Buysse	Public Relations	Lyon	2092 County Rd 10, Cottonwood, MN 56229	(507) 872-6219
Jeffrey Hoffman	Vice President	Yellow Medicine	1963 330th St N, Minneota, MN	(507) 872-6687
John Boulton	Secretary	Yellow Medicine	2589 State Hwy 68, Porter, MN	(507) 872-5404

RECENT PROJECTS

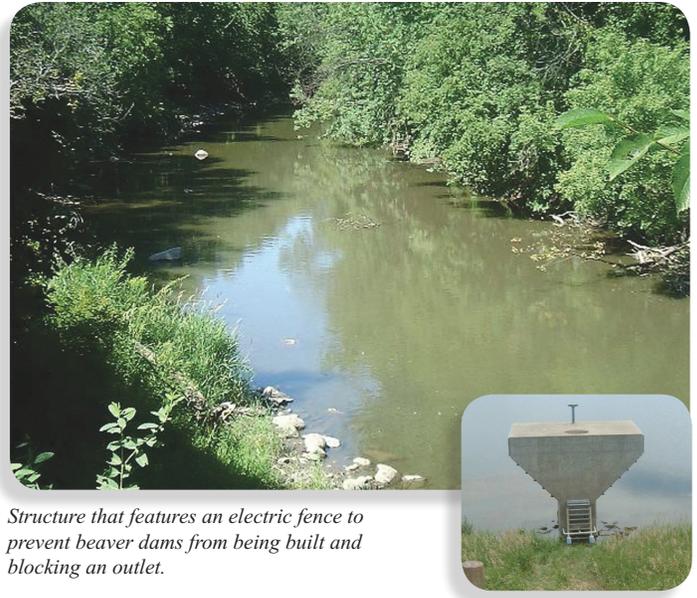
Tiling and Drainage Projects — 220 tiling and drainage permits were viewed and approved in 2007 in Lincoln County, Yellow Medicine, and Lyon counties. This involves working with groups of landowners to negotiate and install tiling systems that benefit all of their watershed. The District board strives to design projects that provide an adequate drainage system to benefit all landowners in the vicinity.

Alta Vista 36 Road Retention Project — the 2005-06 Flood Control Project was constructed in coordination with the Lincoln/Lyon county road repair, and Lincoln county bridge replacement, on Lincoln County Highway 18 and Lyon County Highway 10, west of Minneota. The intersection was dangerous, because the level of the highway was too low compared to the terrain. A nearby bridge structure was due to be replaced, so the District board visited with some of the landowners and Alta Vista township officials to discuss building a flood control project. The project was completed in 2007 with a total project cost of \$729,749, and it is designed to control the runoff from a 5,120-acre watershed, resulting from a 100-year storm event.

Beaver Damage Control Program — the District board worked with Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District to acquire a grant from BWSR for a beaver damage control program. The grant provided \$6,385 to each district, and each provided equal matching funds. The District worked with a local water contractor to design and build a structure -- featuring an electric fence powered by a solar panel -- that prevents beaver from damming an outlet on Sonstegaard Dam.

Watershed Ditch Berm Inspections — the board completed the enforcement of the 16.5-foot ditch buffer law in 1999. Staff now complete a ditch berm inspection each year. Tree spraying is completed at the time of the inspection, as part of ditch maintenance.

Phase II 2005-2008 Clean Water Partnership — the District is partnering with MPCA, three SWCDs to focus on establishing best management practices in the watershed to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Yellow Medicine River and its tributaries. This three-year program involves monitoring, data analysis and reporting, information and education, and implementation. Many landowners have established 50-100 foot buffers along the rivers for establishing permanent filter strips.



Structure that features an electric fence to prevent beaver dams from being built and blocking an outlet.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Riverbank Restoration — construction on a bank restoration along the Lac Qui Parle River began in 2008 in cooperation with the Lac Qui Parle Yellow bank Watershed District. The river tends to overflow, and the project involves the bank restoration of washouts in three locations. The project will cost \$22,000.

Nitrates neutralizer projects — construction is expected to begin in 2009 on a pilot project to install a nitrate neutralizer (wood chips bio reactors). A landowner is eager to assist in this project, and the MN Department of Agriculture will contribute funds for the project.

South Branch of the Yellow Medicine River Fecal Coliform TMDL Implementation — the District received a grant that is being used to provide incentive funds for creating filter strips, feedlot upgrades, alternative tile intakes, rotational grazing, nutrient/manure management plans, and a residue management incentive program.

2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$649,720
Management / General Administrative	\$76,000
Data Collection / Monitoring	\$28,000
Permitting / Regulatory Programs	\$13,238
Projects / Implementation	\$532,482