A regular meeting of the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), was held on Monday, August 14, 2006, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, E. Robert Olson, Curtis M. Nelson, Gerald L. VanAmburg, and John E. Hanson. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Erik S. Jones, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); and landowner Jim Haick.

Chairman Ellefson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. He noted that the proceedings were being taped to aid in preparation of the minutes.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 7/24/06 BRRWD meeting. Nelson noted two minor revisions. **Motion** by Olson to approve the minutes, subject to correction. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements, including the project account balance sheet, administrative disbursements, summary of income, and the Accounts Receivable report. We received the first half of the 2006 Clay County ditch/project tax payment on Friday ($294,722.24), and on Monday, Jerger paid off the $20,000.00 Midwest Bank loan. The loan interest amounted to $33.33. Albright has sent final grant payments requests to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Whisky Creek Tributaries, Farmstead Ringdikes, Oakport Flood Control, and Manston Slough Restoration. The office also sent payment requests to four landowners who participated in the BRRWD farmstead ringdike program. Albright noted that Wells Fargo Bank provided an increased Securities Pledge for our account after the Clay County deposit.

VanAmburg questioned when the BRRWD could expect additional income from the Counties. Albright didn't expect anymore tax payments until later this fall or in the case of Clay County, possible early January 2007. He pointed out that until the Board receives the proceeds from the increased Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M. S. A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3, tax levy, which the Legislature approved this year for 2007 and 2008, we will continue to experience cash flow shortages. Nelson noted that the BRRWD will probably have to stop their practice of financing the various ditch systems with negative account balances. Ellefson agreed that the Board might have to increase assessments for the 2007 ditch system levies for the accounts with deficits. The Board is planning to hold their annual budget hearing on 9/11/06. The office has prepared a budget hearing notice for the Board's review and signature. The notice will be forwarded to local newspapers for publication. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize Chairman Ellefson to sign the budget hearing notice on behalf of the Board and to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Business brought before the Board included:**

**Project No. 24, Wilkin County Ditch No. 44.** Jim Haick delivered the Permission to Deposit Spoil forms, which he and his father, Edwin Haick, have signed. The Board decided it would be easier to place the spoil from the South Branch of the Buffalo River cleanout project in Sections 4 & 9, Manston Township, on the edge of Haick's cropland rather than to disturb the Conservation Reserve Program.
(CRP) bufferstrips adjacent to the cleanout area. The spoil piles will be leveled this fall. Jeff Nichols has been hired to do the work. Jones will inform the Project Supervisor, Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., about the Board's decision regarding the spoil placement. The group discussed future plans for a larger project on the South Branch of the Buffalo River in this area. This problem area will also be discussed when the BRRWD Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) holds a meeting for this subregion in conjunction with the BRRWD's Comprehensive Planning.

**Permit No. 06-35, Sam Johnson.** Johnson's neighbor, Kurt Lackmann, has informed the office that he is willing to participate in the proposed project according to H.E.'s survey. The project area is located in the SW¼, Section 35, Oakport Township, Clay County. To mediate between the two parties, the BRRWD has agreed to install a 24" dia. culvert/gate through 15th AVE N, east of Johnson's buildings to provide a better outlet if the landowners work together to install a ditch around Johnson's property to access the ditch system. The culvert costs will be charged to Project No. 37, Clay County Ditch No. 41-Lateral No. 1. The Board felt that if all the above mentioned work was completed, Johnson's request to fill a low area swale on his building site in the SW¼, Section 35, could be approved provided the property line elevation does not change. Opsahl is authorized to hire a contractor to do the culvert installation. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 06-35, subject to the noted agreements and discussed criteria. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 06-41, Becker County Parks and Recreation.** To date, Opsahl, Manager Hanson, and Chip Lohmeier, County Parks and Recreation Department, have not conducted a field review of the proposed crossing. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 06-50, Michael Firkus.** Opsahl met with Firkus regarding his proposed project to excavate a low area in the NE¼, Section 31, Kragnes Township, near Clay County Ditch No. 20, in order to create a wetland area for a wildlife habitat and natural resource enhancement. At the 7/24/06 BRRWD meeting, the Board requested more information about the dimensions of the pond and its proposed proximity to Ditch No. 20. Firkus has agreed to stay a minimum of 100' away from the ditch system right-of-way (r-o-w) and to check with Steve Hofstad, Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), regarding possible wetland impacts. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 06-50, subject to the above referenced conditions. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit Nos. 06-74, 06-75, 06-76, 06-77, Robert Norby.** The Board reviewed Norby's 7/22/06 correspondence regarding his permit applications. Albright prepared a response to Norby's letter, but Manager Olson has already contacted Norby by telephone and is awaiting a return call from him to schedule a field review. **Tabled** pending Manager Olson's field review.

**Permit No. 06-78, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to reconstruct County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 7 between the Village Green and Americana Estates from 41st AVE S to CSAH No. 52 in Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27, Moorhead Township. The proposed work will realign the northern most 1,500' of the existing CSAH No. 7 to connect with CSAH No. 52 approximately 1,000' further south of its current location. A new access road will be created between the newly aligned CSAH No. 7 and 35th AVE S. Several culvert crossings will be replaced with larger culverts to facilitate CSAH No. 7 ditch drainage. The west ditch of the existing CSAH No. 7 will be graded to drain north to CSAH No. 52. The road ditch will have an 8' to 10' bottom width with 4:1 side slopes. One line of 57" x 38" corrugated metal arch pipe (CMP-A) will installed for a home entrance on the east side of CSAH No. 7, and the County proposes to replace the existing pipes in 35th AVE S with two lines of 44" x 27" reinforced concrete arch pipe (RCP-A), which will double the waterway area for this crossing. **Tabled** pending field review by Jones and Manager Olson.
Permit No. 06-82, Mark Yaggie.  Applicant proposes to install 4" dia. field drainage tile in the E½SW¼ and the W½SE¼, Section 34, Atherton Township, and Sections 2 and 3, Manston Township, Wilkin County.  Starting at the north-south quarterline of Section 2, Manston Township, the tile will run parallel to Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.  In Section 34, Atherton Township, the tile will be installed in an east-west pattern at 50'-100' spacing.  The project will outlet to Ditch No. 40 near the east-west quarterline of Section 34, where a lift station will be installed with either an electrical or a gas discharge pump.  The work will address seepage and salinity problems along Ditch No. 40 and improve crop production.  The Board reviewed the project maps/plans to determine the drainage route.  It appears that Ditch No. 40 will be an adequate outlet.  Motion by Nelson to approve Permit 06-82, noting that the landowner is responsible for repairing any ditch bank disturbance caused by the installation of the lift station, or tile outlet.  Seconded by Hanson.  Approved.

Permit No. 06-83, Clay County Highway Department.  Applicant proposes to replace an existing 18" dia. culvert in County Road (C.R.) No. 24 in Highland Grove Township, with a 24" dia. culvert approximately 0.75 miles east of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 32 on between Sections 16 and 21.  The existing structure is a centerline culvert that was washed out and was damaged during the 2006 spring flood.  The work is being done in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).  Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 06-83, subject to Manager field review.  Seconded by VanAmburg.  Approved.

Permit No. 06-84, Mark Ekre.  Applicant proposes to clear trees and install tile in the bottom of an existing ditch in the SW¼SW¼, Section 28, Eglon Township, Clay County, to improve crop production and field access.  Sharon Lean, District Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), has given permission for the ditch cleanout project, but noted that the tile should be only installed as deep as the existing ditch elevation.  The Board reviewed a map of the proposed project area.  Motion by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 06-84, subject to Manager field review.  Seconded by Nelson.  Approved.

Permit No. 06-85, Spring Prairie Colony.  Applicant proposes to install pattern drain tile in the SE¼, Section 34, Flowing Township, Clay County, to address the high water table, soil salinity, and improve crop production.  Ellingson Drainage Company designed the project, which will have three inlets to Clay County Ditch No. 39.  The Board determined that the project will have an adequate outlet, and the property is assessed to the Ditch No. 39 system.  Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 06-85, noting that the landowner will be responsible for restoring the ditch r-o-w.  Seconded by VanAmburg.  Approved.

Permit No. 06-86, Erickson Contracting.  Applicant constructed the Pine View Cottages Subdivision, which has nine housing units, including a storm water pond that outlets to Clay County Ditch No. 50 to convey street and building runoff into the ditch system.  Project plans were included with the application.  The project is located north of 9th AVE N and 30th ST N in Moorhead.  Motion by Hanson to approve an after-the-fact permit to Erickson Contracting for this project, with the condition that if erosion problems occur on the pond outlet or ditch bank, the contractor will be expected to make repairs at his expense in a timely manner.  Seconded by Nelson.  Approved.

Jones noted that Robert Muscha, H.E., plans to work with the developer to install a concrete slab on the ditch inlet for Pine View Cottages to repair the erosion.

Minch and Johnson Lawsuits.  Based on attorney/client privilege, and in accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Board went into closed session at 9:05 PM to discuss the status of both lawsuits.  At 9:15 PM, the Board reopened the meeting.
Kurtz Township Drainage Complaint. To date, there has been no response from the landowners regarding H.E.’s area survey of SubDrain No. 1 in Sections 8 and 9, Kurtz Township. The Board discussed the completed survey at the 7/10/06 BRRWD meeting, and Albright forwarded the survey results to the Township and landowners on 7/12/06. On 8/03/06, Albright also sent a letter regarding the legal process to make SubDrain No. 1 a legal ditch system.

Grove Lake Outlet. The Board has asked Albright to schedule an informational meeting with the affected parties from the Grove Lake area in northwestern Otter Tail County to discuss landowner concerns regarding high water in the area lakes that is affecting Township and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) roads (T.H. 34) and encroaching on lake property. The office is working on a mailing list for the meeting. To date, there has been no response from Terry Lejcher or Robert Merritt, DNR Area Hydrologists, regarding their review of H.E.’s preliminary survey.

Becker SWCD Sediment Control Basins. Becker SWCD plans to install three sediment control basins for landowner John Hanson in the NW¼, Section 27, Hamden Township. The plan, specifications, and standards have been provided to the BRRWD for review and comment. A BRRWD permit will not be needed, as drainage patterns will not change.

Permit No. 06-12, City of Barnesville. On 5/08/06, the Board approved this permit to relocate and extend an existing 72" dia. CMP in an unnamed ditch along the east side of the stabilization ponds for the City's wastewater treatment facility expansion project. The new culvert location is approximately 200' south of the current location. The cover over the pipe will increase by approximately 4'. Recently, the city engineer, Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI), contacted the BRRWD regarding this permit. It appears that the existing pipe was not a 72" dia. culvert as supposed, but is actually an 84" dia. pipe. UEI has requested that the BRRWD allow them to install a 72" dia. culvert as proposed in their approved project plans. The Board discussed UEI's request. Jones calculated the potential impact of the proposed change, and found that the waterway area would be reduced by 25% if the 72" dia. pipe were installed. **Motion** by Hanson to require UEI to install the same size (84" dia.) culvert in the new location. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved**.

Gust Johanson Drainage Concerns. The Board reviewed a letter from the City of Moorhead listing their actions to address concerns raised by Johanson regarding drainage along 40th AVE S.

WesMin General Permit. The Board reviewed a packet of information from Dean Schmidt, WesMin Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), regarding their project to install dry fire hydrants in local lakes to supply water for rural fire suppression. Olson noted that we should encourage the installation of uniform hydrants/adapters so all fire departments can access them. VanAmburg questioned the impacts to the surrounding area and landowners. The Board agreed that this was a useful project and that no BRRWD permits would be necessary for this work. To date, no hydrant projects have been proposed within the BRRWD; however if they do install hydrants in the BRRWD, the Board would like notification.

Matt Halverson Ditch Cleaning. Halverson contacted Ellefson regarding his plans to clean an existing field ditch in the SE¼, Section 18, Elkton Township, Clay County. Darvin Temanson plans to start construction tomorrow. The Board agreed that no permit is required to clean existing ditches.

Project No. 60, Swede Grove Lake. Albright will send a letter to Clay County, asking for their input regarding the project development before the next Mediation Project Team (PT) meeting so we can discuss this issue with the agencies.
Project No. 59, Clay County Ditch No. 41-Lateral 3. Last winter, the Board tabled their request for Feder Properties to increase his petition bond to $20,000 until 8/15/06. No additional fees were assessed to the project during this time period, but according to Minnesota Statutes, no project development can take place until the bond amount is increased. Albright has tried to contact Feder Properties' Attorney John Boulger several times to find out what their plans are regarding this pending project. To date, he has not returned Albright's e-mail or telephone calls. The current project account balance is $13,612.00. As the project petitioner, Feder would be responsible for project development costs to date if he decides to discontinue the project. MNDOT has indicated that they might not be willing to help pay for this project. Tabled for two weeks (8/28/06) to give Feder time to make a decision regarding this issue. If there is no response by this date, the Board agreed to dismiss the project and bill Feder for the development costs to date.

Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention. Albright noted that Brian Winter, Program Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), has informed that because of family health issues, he has been unable to return TNC's comments regarding the Preliminary Engineer's Report.

Project No. 57, Moorhead/Interstate-94 (I-94) Flood Control. Jones reported that the project contractor, Raymond Weidenborner, All Seasons Contracting, Inc., Blackduck, MN, has not started work on the project. The project completion date is 9/30/06. Manager Nelson and Albright met with the Clay County Board of Commissioners on 8/01/06 to discuss a bond sale ($100,000) for this project. The office is working on the bond transcripts for Carolyn Drude, Ehlers and Associates, who will be selling the bonds.

Zeigler Construction, Inc., has completed the Clay County Ditch No. 41 cleanout in conjunction with this project. His bill is included on tonight's bill list. A separate bill for lowering a waterline to the golf course will be forwarded to Moorhead for payment. Manager Nelson and Opsahl field reviewed the work and thought the contractor did a good job.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Jones reported that more of the soil boring work for the borrow sites have been completed by Midwest Testing. They still have some work to finish on private lands. The Board reviewed a letter the office sent to landowners whose property will be involved in the survey/soil investigation process with an update of project development and an enclosed permission to survey form for the landowners to sign and return. Albright also sent a payment request to Ed Fick, FDR Hydrologist, for reimbursement for our project expenses to date ($9,524). Albright and Jones met with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and DNR on 7/26/06 in the Barnesville office to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan. To date, no copies of the documents have been sent back to the BRRWD. Albright noted that the agencies are ready to move forward with the project. Jones plans to file the Preliminary Engineer's Report on 11/01/06. He noted that Rick St. Germain, Vice President, H.E., has agreed to oversee project development to help refocus efforts to move the project forward. When Jones discussed the project with Tom Richels, Wilkin County Highway Department, he did not seem to have many concerns about impacts to county roads.

The Board discussed our purchase offer for Donald Holubok's property. The BRRWD's offer is based on what the various agencies will pay for the acreage if we acquire it. The DNR's payment rate appears to be $375/acre. The BRRWD's offer to Holubok was based on a DNR rate of approximately $500/acre. The Board is concerned that if Holubok delays much longer, our offer may have to be withdrawn, as we will be losing the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)/Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) funding after 9/30/06.
Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries. The DNR has approved the permit for Greg Settelmeyer's driveway repair project and has requested a $150 permit fee before the permit is issued. Opsahl has been working with FEMA regarding erosion damage on the east end of the project along C.R. 55. FEMA has agreed to pay for the repairs, and Jones has obtained a DNR permit for the work. Following the 7/25/06 project inspection with Robert Merritt, DNR, Albright sent a final payment request to Ed Fick, FDR Hydrologist, for the balance of the DNR grant ($10,000). The NRCS has decided to rebid the Nichol WRP project in Section 21, Humboldt Township. They have taken more soil borings and might decide to redesign the project. Albright noted that a few contractors have contacted him regarding the project. The Board felt now would be a good time to rebid the project to take advantage of the dry conditions.

Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68-City of Glyndon. Jones noted All State Excavating, Inc., started work today on the project. UEI and XCEL Energy would like to have the contractor complete a couple of smaller projects associated with the ditch work at their expense. Jones presented H.E.'s Scope of Services for recording the project easements. He estimated that it would cost approximately $5,000 to do the work. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize H.E. to record the easements for the stated cost. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.** Albright will change the project budget to reflect the recording fees. The office is in the process of preparing the project transcripts for the bond sale. Albright and Manager Nelson met with Carolyn Drude, Ehlers and Associates, and the Clay County Board of Commissioners on 8/01/06 regarding the bond sale for this project. The bond sale is expected to be about $300,000.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation Project. The Buyout Committee met with Appraiser Guy Miller on 8/03/06 regarding his appraisal work. The Committee has agreed that all buyouts will be done on a voluntary basis, and the BRRWD will not pay for relocation costs, etc. A few landowners have called the office with complaints that their appraisals are too low. The Buyout Committee felt the appraisals were fine. The office sent letters to the landowners with their appraisal results. The appraisals are good for 6 months, but the Committee felt they should be valid until 12/31/06. The Board discussed the property values and the possible federal changes to the flood insurance program.

Kent Lokkesmo, DNR, has indicated that the BRRWD will have to pay their matching funds ($435,000) first for the buyouts before the full state funding will be activated. The next Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled in September. Albright sent a letter to Ed Fick, DNR, to request 50% reimbursement of our project development costs to date ($22,692.93). Albright spoke about the project status at an Oakport "Community Night Out" picnic on 8/01/06.

Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes. Albright and Merritt completed the final inspection for the 2005 Farmstead Ringdikes on 7/25/06. Albright has submitted our final ringdike payment request to Ed Fick, DNR ($4,678). The office also sent bills to four ringdike landowners for their cost share. The BRRWD has at least two farmstead ringdikes we could build in 2006 for an estimated cost of approximately $30,000 a piece, or a total grant amount of $60,000. Albright will contact Fick regarding funding for the 2006 ringdikes. Fick has indicated that a ringdike project for the City of Kraggnes could be financed under a separate grant agreement.

Jones filed his preliminary report for a possible ringdike for the City of Kraggnes. The board reviewed the preliminary dike alignments and discussed the cost estimates for the alternatives. A ring dike system for the City of Kraggnes could involve three separate ringdikes. The estimated cost for the ringdike around the "White House" area is approximately $55,160; a ringdike for the Richard's Bus Garage and other properties east of T.H. 75 would be approximately $138,522; and the two alternative ringdike alignments for the "Wedge Area" located west of T.H. 75 would cost $37,000-$40,000.
Albright will send a copy of Jones' report to Fick showing the individual dike estimates and the total for all three projects combined. Albright will schedule a public informational meeting to review the preliminary designs. VanAmburg noted that to do a project of this nature, we will need to have public support.

**Project No. 35, Clay County Ditch No. 47.** Clair Hanson and Robert Zimmerman, City of Moorhead, have agreed to submit an improvement petition to reroute Ditch No. 47 for the new 34th ST interchange. Additional land will have to be added to the ditch system benefit area through the redetermination of benefits process, which will require a public hearing.

Jones has not heard from Dave Kluck, Northern Power Products, regarding Bob Videen's concerns regarding the operation of the flapgates on the culverts under the Otter Tail Valley (OTV) Railroad tracks along CSAH No. 52. He noted that when he checked the gates this morning, they were propped open with boards. Olson felt that we should try to expedite this repair, as Videen is very anxious that something be done. Opsahl was authorized to hire a contractor to remove the sediment in front of the gates as soon as possible. Olson noted that Ditch No. 47 should be cleaned south of 30th AVE S. The Board discussed the flapgate issue.

**Project No. 32, Hawley EDA Diversion.** Jones talked by telephone with a representative from Hancock Concrete Products, Inc., who suggested that more epoxy could be applied to the damaged pipes. Jones noted that this process had been tried before without much success. The Board discussed the deterioration of 6-10 sections of the culvert. They felt that it might be necessary for Hancock to replace the faulty product at their expense.

**Project No. 29, Log Jam Removal.** Opsahl is in the process of reviewing several log jam sites on the Buffalo River.

**Project No. 27, Clay County Ditch No. 55.** MNDOT opened bids for this I-94 culvert replacement project. The County is working with MNDOT regarding the culvert installation. If installation estimates for boring the culvert are too high, the County will install their culvert by open cutting C.R. 21. Albright pointed out that we will need to hire a contractor to clean the ditch for about 800' on I-94 r-o-w. East of I-94, there is one mile of ditch that will also need work in the future.

**Project No. 23, Becker County Ditch No. 15.** Jones, Albright, and Manager Hanson will meet with Michael Murphy, Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), and Scott Kahan, USFWS, on 8/16/06 at 7:00 AM at the Hamden Slough office to discuss 2006 repairs for this ditch system.

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting is scheduled for 8/24/06 at the MSUM Science Center near Glyndon. The Fall Tour is scheduled for 9/22/06 at 1:30 PM at the Ponderosa Golf Course. Notices will be sent 9/01/06. The Eagle Café will cater the meal; Richards Transportation will furnish a tour bus; and Michael Murphy, Hamden Slough NWR, and Barbara Boyle, Tamarac NWR, have agreed to have their areas included in our tour itinerary.

**Comprehensive Planning.** Albright plans to schedule the CAC and TAC Kickoff meetings later this fall.

**Becker County Ditch No. 19.** The Board discussed recent correspondence from the DNR and landowners regarding the Rock Lake elevation issue. An attorney for a group of landowners sent the BRRWD a letter discussing their concerns. The Board discussed the 4/27/06 landowner informational
meeting. The office has prepared minutes from that meeting. Albright distributed Robert Merritt's correspondence regarding Rock Lake for the Board's review.

**Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.** Mark Yaggie has filed a repair request to clean the ditch and repair breakout areas along the ditch bank. Albright suggested that H.E. conduct a survey and provide repair recommendations. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize H.E. to survey the ditch and submit repair recommendations. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Manager Appointments.** Managers Olson (Clay County) and Hanson (Becker County) have been reappointed to the BRRWD Board of Managers for three year terms. The office will forward the appointment letters to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and the County Auditors.

**Clean Water Legacy Act.** Manager Nelson attended a Clean Water Legacy funding meeting on 8/07/06 in Fergus Falls. Discussions centered on Legislative results, the Grant schedule, and components for a competitive application. Nelson noted that it doesn't appear that the BRRWD will be eligible for funding, as the funding will be used for implementation or completed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plans.

**Red River Basin Commission (RRBC).** Manager Nelson attended the RRBC Tour in the Wild Rice Watershed District on 8/02/06. He said the tour was very interesting.

**Terrorism Insurance.** The office received a Terrorism insurance waiver form for the Board's signature. The waiver indicates that the BRRWD declines coverage for acts of terrorism. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize Ellefson to sign the terrorism insurance coverage waiver. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Clay County Ditch No. 41.** The office received a bill for $4,837.66 from Ziegler Construction, Inc., for lowering a 10" water line. The subcontractor was Northern Water Works Supply, Inc. In accordance with our maintenance agreement with the City of Moorhead, this bill will be forwarded to them for payment.

**RRWMB Membership.** Ray Bohn, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), contacted the BRRWD to schedule a meeting between the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) and the BRRWD regarding our RRWMB membership. Bohn asked that the BRRWD appoint two representatives to meet with two RRWMB representatives to discuss this issue. The Board spent some time discussing their thoughts about RRWMB membership and who would be willing to serve on a negotiation committee. VanAmburg tentatively volunteered, but the Board did not settle on a date to meet or who the second representative should be. **Tabled.**

**RRBFDRWG Meeting.** The next meeting of the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction WorkGroup (RRBFDRWG) is scheduled for 8/30/06 in Crookston.

**Clay SWCD Tour.** The Clay SWCD is holding their biennial tour on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 8:00 AM in the USDA Service Center, Moorhead.

**Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD).** The PRWD is holding their 40th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 4:30 PM at the Detroit Lakes Pavilion.
**River Keepers.** River Keepers has forwarded their current activity summary for the Board's review. The Board briefly discussed the recent fish kill on the Red River that has been blamed on high fecal coliform content. VanAmburg thought the high temperatures caused low oxygen in the river, which affected the fish population.

**Becker SWCD Envirothon.** The Board received a thank you note from the Becker SWCD for our $100 contribution to their 2006 Envirothon.

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<td>Ziegler Construction, Inc.</td>
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Motion by Nelson to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Hanson. Approved.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2006, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office.

Adjournment. Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 11:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary