MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING
October 27, 2008

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, Curtis M. Nelson, John E. Hanson, and E. Robert Olson. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Erik S. Jones, Engineer, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); Jim and Sue Lund, JL Trucking, Excavating, & Grading; Dean Eilertson, Fargo Water Equipment; and landowners: Bill Austin, Dave Mittet, Ben Torgerson, Todd Bergman, LeRoy Bergman, and Craig Blair.

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

**Project No. 63, Grove Lake Outlet.** At 8:00 PM, Chairman Ellefson officially closed the acceptance of bids for the Grove Lake Outlet project. Albright noted that there was one addendum for the project and a 10% bond is required with each bid. All bidders acknowledged the addendum and provided bid bonds. The Engineer's estimated total base bid is approximately $58,000.00. The completion date is set for 12/31/08. Albright opened the bids and read the results. The following bids were received:

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The apparent low bidder is Johnson Excavating with their bid of $47,335.00. The Engineer will tabulate the bids and make a recommendation regarding the contract award.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 10/14/08 regular meeting. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board reviewed the BRRWD's financial status. Albright said that we would be closing on the Buckman property buyout on Friday in association with the Oakport Flood Mitigation project. The office will prepare a pay request for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 98% reimbursement according to our DNR grant agreement. The BRRWD currently has $748,459.68 on hand.
Other business brought before the Board included:

LaBelle/Duck Lakes Outlet. Landowner LeRoy Bergman, who lives north of Lake Park, filed a highwater complaint regarding Duck and LaBelle Lakes. In 2001, Bergman had to build up his driveway to repair erosion damage and keep it out of the rising water. Mature trees are in now standing water, and there are clay slides along the outlet channel. Bergman felt that the lake outlet might be plugged. He provided information regarding the outlet description/elevations that he received from Robert Merritt, Area Hydrologist, DNR. The Board discussed Bergman's concerns and the DNR information. They agreed to authorize Wade Opsahl, H.E., to work with Manager Hanson and conduct an investigation of the complaint.

Permit No. 08-73, William Austin. H.E. has completed the survey for the north ditch of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 10 west of Downer. It shows that there is about 18" of sediment in the ditch between the west side of 140th ST and Margo Brady's first driveway in the southeast corner of the NE¼, Section 20, Elkton Township. The rest of the ditch averages about 12" of sediment along CSAH No. 10 west to the outlet in Interstate-94 (I-94). The Board had an extended discussion regarding the survey results. Jones also profiled 140th ST, which he found to be lower on the south side near Brady's barn, even after Brady added gravel to the road last year. Albright visited with David L. Overbo, Engineer, Clay County Highway Department, regarding possible culvert size increase (36" dia.). Overbo was not able to commit to the proposed culvert changes. The Board has scheduled a special meeting to discuss the road ditch drainage/tiling permit issues on Monday, November 3, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. The office will mail notices to the affected landowners this week.

The Board then discussed Austin's permit application to pattern tile approximately 156 acres in the SW¼, Section 16, Elkton Township, Clay County, which has been tabled until a solution to the north CSAH No. 10 ditch drainage problems has been worked out. The Board also discussed Austin's petition to add land involved with the tiling project to the Clay County Ditch No. 55 benefit area. A petition hearing will be held this winter.

Craig Blair Drainage Complaint. Landowner Craig Blair discussed his concerns about David Watt's 2004 project (Permit No. 04-66) to replace the existing 24" dia. and 15" dia. culverts in the southwest corner of the SE¼, Section 32, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County, with a new 24" dia. culvert. He also had concerns about Watt's 2008 tiling project (Permit No. 08-31) in this same area that included a lift station to drain water south through the township road (15th AVE N) to a ditch that drains west to the Buffalo River. Blair attended the 10/14/08 BRRWD meeting regarding these same issues. He also felt that the benefit area for Clay County Ditch No. 63 is not accurate. The group discussed the benefit rates, which were put in place in the 1960s. Albright explained that the Watt property is at a lower rate because, until last year, a neighbor's dike restricted his drainage to the west. The group discussed the redetermination process. Albright pointed out that when a benefit redetermination takes place, Watershed Law requires the installation of one-rod grassed buffer strips (16.5') along the ditch system. The Board could schedule a redetermination hearing this winter. Some of the other landowners along the 15th AVE N ditch are considering petitioning to make it a legal ditch system under the BRRWD's jurisdiction. The cost (approximately $150,000) could be prohibitive.

Blair signed a permission to deposit spoil form for the Clay County Ditch No. 63 clean out project. He prefers to haul the spoil away himself. Albright noted that work on this project might not be started until next spring, due to the wet conditions. Blair was signing for his grandfather's (Lester Wyland) property in the NE¼, Section 36, Moland Township.
Blair and the Managers discussed David Watt's tiling project. Blair referenced a "gentlemen's agreement" among the neighboring landowners from when the ditch was first built along the south side of 15th AVE N with the understanding that no water on the north side of the road would be drained south to the ditch. Blair maintains the section of the township ditch along the property he operates for Rodney Wyland in the NW¼, Section 6, Riverton Township, and the NE¼, Section 1, Glyndon Township, but he can't drain his field into it. He questions why Watt can use the ditch for his tiling project, but not help with the ditch maintenance costs. Nelson pointed out that the ditch in question is not a "private" ditch; it's a township road ditch. Both of Watt's BRRWD permits were approved subject to Riverton Township approval to work within the Township road right-of-way (r-o-w). Since Blair doesn't have a written landowner agreement regarding the use of this ditch, it's not possible for the BRRWD to restrict its use. The Board briefly discussed Blair's legal recourse options, which are limited, as there is no written documentation recording the "gentlemen's agreement" from the 1960s. More discussion followed regarding past attempts to find solutions to the drainage problems in this area. Now that there is new owner for the Girten property (W½, Section 5, Riverton Township), there might be a better chance of resolving some of these issues.

**Permit No. 07-51, Mike Lewis.** At our 7/14/08 meeting, the Board agreed to schedule a meeting with Lewis to discuss the culvert he installed in 2007 on the west side of T.H. 9 in the NE¼, Section 2, Barnesville Township. The neighboring landowner, Ronald Erdman, feels that the culvert will cause problems, as it is undersized, crushed in the middle, and in a poor location. Last fall, the Board had agreed to monitor the culvert to see how it functioned during runoff. Ellefson called Lewis this week, but he was not home. The BRRWD possibly has a used culvert they could sell to Lewis that would correct the problem.

**Permit No. 07-130, Harmen Tande.** On 6/24/08, Albright and Managers Hanson, Olson, and Nelson met on site with landowners Harmen Tande, Rodney Wyland, and Gaylen Dick to discuss Tande's request to remove an approach/culvert on the north line of Sections 5 and 6, Riverton Township. Dick was interested in exploring the option of petitioning for a legal ditch system in this area. Tabled. Today, Albright sent the landowners information about the petition process. This also relates to the earlier discussion referenced above with Craig Blair.

**Permit No. 08-05, Lynn Brakke.** Applicant proposes a number of culvert/ditch changes for Sections 2, 3, and 10, Wolverton Township, Wilkin County, on an old Soil Conservation Service ditch. The Board met with the affected parties on 4/28/08 to discuss this request. Paul Israelson, Wolverton Township, felt that the ditch along 110th ST in Section 3 is already too deep, is difficult to maintain, and poses road safety/slide concerns. Albright plans to redraft the survey per Israelson's ideas and send the new plan to the affected landowners for further discussion/consideration when time permits. Tabled.

**Permit No. 08-30, Scott VanWechel.** Albright talked with Dennis VanWechel today, regarding this application to install a larger culvert along County Road (C.R.) No. 11 in a crossing between NW¼ and the SW¼, Section 12, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County. The Board reviewed an area map with ditch elevations pertaining to Lateral No. 3 of Wilkin County Ditch No. 22, which is the outlet for this water. It appears that the upstream end of the ditch is flat and doesn't drain. The Board discussed investigating a possible improvement project for Wilkin County Ditch No. 22-Lateral No. 3. Motion by Nelson to authorize Jones to investigate an improvement project to include culvert changes and a deeper ditch grade. When Jones finishes his work, the Board will schedule a meeting with the affected landowners to discuss the results. Seconded by Hanson. Approved. The permit application is tabled.

**Permit No. 08-77, Frank Schindler.** The Board discussed the drainage problems along C.R. 51 in conjunction with Schindler's request to replace a 36" dia. corrugated metal pipe (CMP) in 140th ST S, between Sections 32 and 33, Barnesville Township, Clay County, with a 48" dia. CMP. In 2007, H.E. completed a hydraulic analysis on Schindler's crossing and the next downstream culvert in C.R. 21. Their
recommendations included increasing the culvert sizes for both crossings. The Board would like to discuss Schindler's proposal with the Clay County Highway Department and the neighboring landowners. In addition, the work would include filing a DNR permit application as both crossings are on protected waters. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the affected landowners and the County this winter. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 08-88, John Kava.** Applicant proposes to install approximately 300’ of berm along the north edge of his field in the N½, Section 11, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, to prevent CSAH No. 32 water from draining through his field. Kava also proposes to install 3 to 4 shallow field inlets into the CSAH No. 32 ditch on the east side of his field and to clean/regrade the ditch along the west side of his field along 260th AVE to drain north. Kava reports that water escapes from the road ditch and enters his field, causing flooding. The 260th AVE ditch is full of large trees and needs cleaning. **Tabled** pending Manager field review.

**Permit No. 08-91, Alan Malingen.** Applicant proposes to enlarge his driveway culvert on the north side of C.R. 30 from a 24" dia. CMP to a 42" x 29" (36" dia. equivalent) CMP-A. Malingen reports that too much water drains from the east at a high velocity. Water backs up to the north, filling in a low area near his buildings and flooding his field. The area is assessed to Wilkin County Ditch No. 43, which is less than 0.5 miles away on the north side of C.R. 30. The natural waterway on the south side of C.R. 30 is plugged with brush, cattails, etc. **Tabled** pending contact with Wilkin County Highway Department regarding this proposal and weather conditions.

**Permit No. 08-92, Larry Jacobson.** Applicant wants to install 4 to 5 acres of tiling on the west side of 270th ST N in the N½, Section 9, Highland Grove Township, Clay County. It has been determined that the work will not have any Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wetland impacts. The tile will outlet to the northwest into a wetland on the applicant's property. **Tabled** pending Manager field review and weather conditions.

**Permit No. 08-95, Ron Conzemius.** Applicant proposes to install a 30" dia. culvert in the northeast corner of Section 17, Manston Township, Wilkin County, to relieve water issues in Section 16. The Board discussed this issue. Albright pointed out the water in Section 16 is not assessed to drain west to Wilkin County Ditch No. 13-Lateral. Conzemius would have to file a redetermination petition to add water to the County Ditch No. 13 benefit area. In addition, the culvert would be located in a dike that has been in place on the Phil Schritz property for many years. **Motion** by Nelson to **deny** Permit No. 08-95 because the land is not assessed to the ditch system. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** The office will send Conzemius a benefit map for County Ditch No. 13 and advise him that if he wishes to add his property and the adjacent upstream areas to County Ditch No. 13, he will have to file a petition, and the BRRWD would have to hold ditch system hearings.

**Permit No. 08-96, Tri-T Farms, Inc.** Applicant proposes to regrade a ditch along the north side of C.R. 57 for approximately 0.6 miles along the SE¼, Section 12, Alliance Township, Clay County. In addition, applicant is working with Clay County to replace the two outlet culverts with one equivalent sized culvert. Now that the power poles along this stretch of ditch have been removed, Tim Thompson feels the ditch should be resloped, and the bottom made wider to increase the drainage capacity. The Board referred to the plat map. The neighboring landowners have agreed to the work. **Tabled** pending field review.

**Permit No. 08-97, Paul T. Anderson.** Applicant proposes to install an approach with a 24” dia. culvert off the north line (150th AVE S) of Section 20, Alliance Township, Clay County, in the middle of his property. The work would provide field access to a parcel that does not have another approach. The Township recommended the pipe size. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 08-97, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**
**Permit No. 08-98, Ronald Jerger.** Applicant proposes to install an approach and 18" dia. culvert with a flapgate east of the section line ditch in the north r-o-w of 180th ST in the W½, Section 9, Manston Township, Wilkin County. The Board referred to the plat maps and discussed Jerger's proposal. Presently, the water causes crop loss when it backs up to the east, escapes from the road ditch, and flows into Jerger's field. Another alternative would be to build up the diking on the south end of the field to Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9. Either option would accomplish the same outcome. Jerger would like to keep the water in the main ditch and prevent it from backing up into his field. **Tabled** pending Manager field review.

**Kenneth Schellack Drainage Complaint.** Schellack contacted the office to request that the BRRWD investigate new ditch work done by Ron Erdman for Curt Stubstad in the NE¼, Section 8, Elkton Township, Clay County. Recently, Stubstad has indicated that if he violated BRRWD Rules, he was willing to work with the Board to rectify the problem. **Tabled** pending Manager field review.

**Minch/Johnson Lawsuits.** Albright noted that BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard informed him that the Court of Appeals decision should be published tomorrow regarding the Minch appeal.

**Peterson WRP Project Drainage Concerns.** Scott Smith, NRCS, told Albright last week that they are repairing some muskrat burrows in the dike associated with the Peterson Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) site in the E½, Section 28, Wolverton Township, Wilkin County. Neighboring landowners' have expressed concerns about drainage coming from the WRP site. Smith said that if the landowners still want to meet with NRCS, he could arrange a meeting this winter to discuss their concerns.

**Project No. 63, Grove Lake Outlet.** The Final Hearing took place on 10/20/08. The Board discussed the bids, the Final Hearing comments, and a possible construction start date. The project's scheduled completion date is 12/31/08.

Albright noted several issues that should be addressed. Jones discussed the wetland permitting. Mark Aanenson, H.E., has suggested that the outlet channel excavation amount be adjusted to minimize wetland impacts, as well as the addition of a flapgate on the outlet pipe. Albright suggested that the wetlands probably only exist because the lake elevation is so high. The wetland mitigation ratio is 2.5:1, and wetland credits cost approximately $12,000/acre. Jones expects that there will be about 0.5 acres of replacement credits that will need to be purchased. We will be able to purchase credits from Otter Tail County.

The Board also discussed the need for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). If the Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) decides that they can classify the outlet as a conservation project, then Otter Tail County can issue a grade and fill permit, which will not require a hearing. Jones thought that he would know the SWCD's decision this week regarding the CUP. Other issues to be resolved include obtaining Scambler Township's signature on an Agreement to use their road r-o-w, a signed easement from David Haugrud, and we also need to address Kern Kuhlman's questions about cleaning the outlet channel for his property on Maple Lake. Jones noted that he used a prior DNR survey data for the project design. Albright suggested that Wade Opsahl, H.E., take a few survey shots in the area so we can compare it with the DNR survey to determine if a channel cleanout is needed. We also need to obtain a DNR permit to change Kuhlman's culverts, as both Grove Lake and Maple Lake are DNR protected waters. The $150 permit fee is on tonight's bill list. The Board discussed the area culvert elevations. **Motion** by Olson to order the construction of the Grove Lake Outlet project and award the construction contract to the lowest bidder, subject to Jones review, pending the resolution of the above referenced issues. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**
Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1)-Branch 4-Improvement/Extension. Albright noted that construction has been delayed because of the wet site conditions and standing crop that is in the way.

Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11 North. Clay County hopes to complete the project plans next month. The BRRWD will work with the County regarding spoil removal. A meeting will be arranged with John Leseth, the County, and the BRRWD.

Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention. Since the contractor began work on this project in August, the site has received approximately 20” of rain. Jones noted that construction has probably ended until next spring. Nanik Construction will be asking for a time extension to complete the work.

Project No. 57, Moorhead/I-94 Flood Control. The contractor is waiting for the corn crop to be harvested so Qwest can move their telephone lines. Once that work is done, construction on the ditch can begin. Jones noted that this site is also very wet.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Albright noted that he plans to start work on the easement options in the near future. Kevin Brennan, Fergus Falls Wetland Management District (WMD)/United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), is preparing the final draft of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for review and signature.

Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68. Bill Davis and Archie Tanner have requested that the Board investigate the resizing of culverts west of T.H. 9 upstream of Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68, to address flooding/erosion problems east of Glyndon. Albright noted that we need to consider the downstream landowner's concerns regarding larger upstream structures. The Board plans to field review the area and work with the affected parties regarding this issue.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. The office sent notices last week to the landowners that will be affected by Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) plans to start the soil boring work this week. The Fischer family is still unwilling to allow the soils work on their property. Albright noted that the Board should probably schedule a meeting with the Fischers regarding the affects the project will have on their property.

H.E. has finished tabulating the Viewers' Report. Motion by Hanson to accept the Viewers' Report. Seconded by Olson. Approved. A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for 11/06/08. The Open House will be held on 11/25/08 at the Hjemkomst Center, and the Final Hearing will be held on 12/01/08. Notices will be sent.

The Buckmann home buyout is scheduled for 10/31/08. Jerry Skalicky has also expressed an interest in a buyout. The Board discussed other upcoming possible buyouts. UEI will prepare the project easement drawings. The Board reviewed a letter from BRRWD Attorney Corey Elmer, Vogel Law Firm. He feels that the Board will need to go through the process of updating abstracts and title opinions to proceed with easement acquisitions. Elmer, Albright, and Appraiser Chuck Anderson plan to tour the area to group the land use/values into four categories, which might eliminate the need for some individual appraisals.

Project No. 47, Clay County Ditch No. 53. Albright plans to contact Ed Askegaard regarding the Board's offer of $6,000 for an additional 1.5 acres of permanent r-o-w for the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2006 flood repair work for the portion of County Ditch No. 53 on the north line of Section 22, Holy Cross Township, paralleling C.R. 58.
Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet. Albright noted that the lake has risen about 6" since the recent heavy rainfall events (1361.94), which is about 0.6' above the DNR amended permit elevation. We will operate the siphons as long as possible this fall/winter.

Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes. H.E. held the preconstruction meeting with Ziegler Construction, Inc., for the Kragnes ringdike on 10/21/08. Ziegler plans to start construction this week. Albright met with Dale and Misty Grindahl on 10/23/08 regarding their easement. It appears that the project plans need to be revised slightly to avoid their septic system and to provide better protection for their house. Opsahl will prepare a revised survey drawing for the Grindahl property, and Albright will update the easement. Albright and a Manager could meet with the Grindahls yet this week to negotiate the easement signing. The easement will probably have to allow for tree replacement/payment, as they have a number of small trees within the construction zone.

Albright has not had contact with Jeremy Kuipers (White House by Kragnes) recently regarding his ringdike project and tree removal. John Butze has not yet remitted his 2007 final ringdike payment. The cross section work for Karppinen ringdike has been delayed because of the recent heavy rainfall and highwater on the South Branch of the Buffalo River.

Project No. 32, Hawley EDA Diversion. Jones met with Midwest Testing Laboratory, Inc., on 10/21/08. Due to the wet weather, the culvert has water in it, and Midwest can't do their work in standing water.

Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin J.D. 1. The FEMA repairs are delayed by the wet weather. Sellins Brothers, Inc., indicated that they would try to start their work at the end of the week. They will be taking core samples from the reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) that is failing, as soon as conditions permit. Joe Kelly, Hancock Concrete Products Company, has called Albright to check on the status of the investigation.

Project No. 23, Becker County Ditch No. 15. Repair work has been delayed due to wet conditions.

Project No. 19, Becker County Ditch No. 21. The Detroit Lakes WMD will have to review Jerry Matter's request for an additional outlet culvert in the west ditch berm on the south side of 320th ST in the NW¼, Section 15, Riceville Township. Albright plans to contact the USFWS regarding this request.

Project No. 1, Wilkin County Ditch No. 22. William Nichols Excavating, Inc., is trying to continue work on the repair of Lateral No. 2. The site is very wet. To date, Quinn Affield hasn’t signed his permission form for the contractor to enter property he rents from Glen Buchholz in the NE¼, Section 5, Mitchell Township. Albright will try to contact Ronnie Affield, who is Quinn's father, regarding this issue.

Mediation Project Team (PT). The next PT meeting is scheduled for 12/11/08. We plan to focus on the South Branch of the Buffalo River and to invite area landowners/agencies. The Board discussed the meeting location, as a larger room will probably be needed. Albright suggested holding the meeting at the Eagle Café in Barnesville. Notices will be sent.

Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP). At the 10/14/08 meeting, the Board approved a motion to ask the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for a six-month extension of the RWMP completion date. If approved, the extension would give us until 6/30/09 to complete the work. Albright will prepare a letter regarding this request.

Clay County Ditch No. 49. The Viewers' Report is finished. The next step will be to schedule a hearing for the redetermination of benefits this winter. Landowners also want to discuss the proposed structure replacements.
**Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.** The DNR has scheduled a meeting on 10/28/08 at 10:00 AM in the Barnesville office to discuss Dave Yaggie's options regarding his irrigation well in conjunction with the Lawndale Trout Stream Restoration.

**Clay County Ditch No. 35.** This repair project has also been delayed by the wet weather. Work has to wait until the standing crops are harvested. Landowner Doug Fiandaca has refused to give permission for work along his property. Opsahl will contact him again.

**Clay County Ditch No. 63 Repair.** Repair work has been delayed by wet weather. The Board briefly discussed the Craig Blair/David Watt dispute.

**Becker County Ditch No. 5.** The survey for the Kiehl/Fagerlie repair request filed this fall could not be conducted due to wet weather. Work will probably be delayed until 2009. The proposed repair is located in Sections 26, 35, and 36, Audubon Township, on the upstream end of the ditch system.

**BWSR Drainage Records Modernization.** Albright attended the BWSR 10/07/08 workshop in Fergus Falls regarding their Challenge Grant for drainage authorities to develop drainage records modernization guidelines. Grant applications are due 10/31/08. The total available grant amount per drainage authority is $50,000 with a minimum 1:1 match. The higher the grant match amount, the greater the chance that the application will be approved. Albright noted that the BRRWD has 371 miles of legal ditch systems. He plans to put together a work plan with a phased approach and submit it by 10/31/08. **Motion** by Hanson to apply for a $50,000 grant with a 1:1.2 match. The Board had an extended discussion regarding this issue. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Fargo Southside Flood Control (FSSFC) Project.** To date, the Minnesota agencies have not scheduled another meeting date to discuss the proposed FSSFC project and its impact on the Minnesota side of the Red River. A meeting with Fargo and concerned Minnesota citizens was held on 9/17/08. The Managers discussed appointing delegates to represent the BRRWD at the agency meetings and had an extended discussion regarding the FSSFC. **Motion** by Nelson to designate Managers Olson and VanAmburg as BRRWD delegates to attend the referenced meetings. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has scheduled a public meeting regarding their FM Metro Feasibility Study in the Moorhead City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 PM on 11/17/08. This study will provide information regarding the cost/benefits of an area-wide flood control project that would encompass both sides of the Red River.

**BRRWD Total Maximum Daily Load (tmdl).** The Board reviewed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) $4,950 grant contract for the BRRWD to develop a workplan for the district-wide tmdl study. **Motion** by Olson to sign the grant agreement. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Wayne Goeken, MPCA, sent the office information regarding MPCA's Surface Water Assessment Monitoring Grant (SWAG) for water quality funding to be used to gather data in areas where it is lacking. The application deadline is 11/04/08. This funding would provide water quality data that could be used to augment the tmdl work. In addition, the MPCA has identified 19 lakes as target areas for water quality monitoring within the BRRWD. The SWAG funding could also be used for this work. There is no match requirement for this funding. **Motion** by Nelson to submit the discussed SWAG applications for use as needed in accordance with discussions with Goeken. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**MAWD Annual Meeting.** The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) has scheduled their annual meeting for December 4-6, 2008, at the Arrowood Conference Center in Alexandria. Registrations are due by 11/21/08. All the Managers plan to attend. The office has prepared and mailed the lodging reservations and meeting registrations. The Board discussed the appointment of
delegates/alternate for the annual meeting. **Motion** by Nelson to appoint Managers Olson and VanAmburg as meeting delegates and Manager Hanson as alternate. The motion includes having a booth at the annual trade show ($60 fee). **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved**.

**River Watch Award.** The Barnesville River Watch Team, under the guidance of Sheila Carlson, was awarded the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) 2008 Profiles of Excellence Exemplary Program Award. Albright distributed a photograph of the team at the 10/23/08 recognition banquet in the Alexandria Arrowwood Conference Center.

**George Peters Flooding Complaint.** The Board briefly discussed an ongoing flooding problem on Peters' farmstead. Clay County has a signed agreement to help Peters address this issue. The County has agreed to check their road crossing for blockages/damages. The water has risen to a point where it is again in his barn and over C.R. 114 in Section 22, Cromwell Township, Clay County. Peters claims that the problems all started when his neighbor, Roger Kajava, raised his driveway and blocked the natural outlet to the south.

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**Motion** by Nelson to approve payment of the bills. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved**.

**Next Meeting.** The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008, in the Barnesville office at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary