MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING
June 8, 2009

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2009, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, Curtis M. Nelson, John E. Hanson, Gerald L. VanAmburg, and E. Robert Olson. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Erik S. Jones, Engineer, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); and landowner Brad Hersch.

Manager 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.

Secretary's Report. The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 5/11/09 regular BRRWD meeting. Nelson noted a minor correction. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the minutes, subject to correction. **Seconded** by Hanson. **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. Albright reported that we received the first half 2009 property/ditch collections from Wilkin and Otter Tail Counties, totaling $66,001.11. We currently have a negative balance of ($218,967.39) on hand because of the $500,000 operating loan from Midwest to close on the Sieben property for Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. A reimbursement request will be sent to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Sieben buyout when the new grant agreement is finalized in the near future. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved**.

Other business brought before the Board included:

Tansem/Solem/Ranum Lakes Highwater Complaints. Brad Hersch discussed the highwater situation on his property in the NW¼, Section 26, Tansem Township, Clay County, near Ranum Lake. Hersch noted that the water near his house and the township road has gone down slightly. He questioned the status of the study Jones is working on to address the area flooding concerns.

Jones reported that he is working on his recommendations and is still waiting for information from Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) about culverts through Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 34 in this area. He contacted them again today. He explained that H.E. is looking at four different options to address Hersch's concerns, including: relocating Hersch's house, a buyout, a ringdike, or an outlet that would drain water out of Ranum Lake through the north bay along the old highway ditch through Tansem Lake and a unnamed slough, and then along the T.H. No. 34 right-of-way (r-o-w) via an 18” dia. tile line to a wetland area that eventually outlets to Whisky Creek.

Hersch noted that his neighbors are enjoying the higher water levels because it improves their lakeshore values. He thought that they might not support lowering the lake. Albright explained that the BRRWD's goal would be to lower the lake approximately 2'-3', which would protect Hersch's house, keep the township road open, but not impact neighboring shoreline significantly. There was a brief discussion about where the area waterways connect, area drainage patterns, and the possible existence/location of a culvert.
in Dave Egge's driveway between Ranum and Tansem Lakes. Jones noted that at this point, H.E. is using LiDAR elevations for their study. Nelson asked Hersch if the Township is still considering abandoning their road. Hersch said at this point, they are continuing to try to salvage their road. He commented that he was pleased that the BRRWD is working with him regarding this issue, as he hasn't received help from any of the other agencies that he has contacted. The Board reviewed a map and briefly discussed the proposed drainage route. Jones noted that the DNR does not have Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevations for Ranum and Tansem Lakes. Albright thought that MNDOT or the Clay County Highway Department would have the elevations of the culvert(s) in County Road (C.R.) No. 35 and information about where the two wetland areas connect. Albright also noted that United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has reported that Solem Lake has gotten high enough so that it is draining to the south and will not get any higher. Hersch noted that when the Township installed a culvert in their road upstream of his home, water just accumulated more on his property. Jones asked Hersch if there was good clay under the topsoil on his property that we would be able to use for a ringdike. Hersch said they used clay from his property to build his temporary dike. Albright plans to contact Dave Egge regarding a possible culvert in his driveway. Jones hopes to file his report as soon as MNDOT furnishes the requested information.

**Permit No. 09-37, Duane Brokate.** Applicant proposes to install a culvert in an existing approach in the NE¼, Section 9, Cromwell Township, Clay County, on the south side of the township road (80th AVE N) west of C.R. No. 114 (210th ST N). Water flooded neighborhood yards and septic systems this spring, forcing him and his neighbor, Anthony Hampson, to run three pumps this spring to keep the water out of their drain fields and septic tanks. The culvert will be located in Hampson's driveway, and he has approved the work on his property. Albright noted that there should be no problem with this request. Brokate requested that the Board provide an elevation and sizing for the proposed culvert. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 09-37 with a 15" dia. culvert placed on the ditch bottom. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 09-38, Eglon Township.** Applicant proposes to install a tiled outlet to a wetland area to lower another wetland in Section 34 to protect 274th ST N, which is currently underwater. The Township is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on this project, and the neighboring landowner has approved the work on his property. Albright noted that the neither waterbody is listed as DNR protected waters. He recommended permit approval. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 09-38. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

It has been reported that Loren Jetvig apparently has hired Sellins Brothers, Inc. to install tiling on his property near the above referenced project. Albright noted that Jetvig does not have a BRRWD permit for the work. He will prepare a letter for the Board's review regarding Jetvig's possible Rules violation.

**Permit No. 09-39, Frank and Patty Kratzky.** Applicants propose to reshape and seed a temporary ringdike that was placed around their house and yard (3.2 acres) this spring at 6604 Broadway ST NW, Section 18, Oakport Township. The permanent ringdike will be 2'-3' high with interior drainage installed as needed. They also would like to regrade their driveway to allow for access over the dike. Kratzky thought that the dike could remain in place even after the Oakport Flood Mitigation project is completed, as their house had significant flood damage this spring. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 09-39. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.** Albright noted that this property is within the Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation boundaries. VanAmburg noted that the Kratzkys submitted comments at one of the informational meetings regarding the safety of the project retention ponds. The Board discussed the efficacy of the smaller private dike. Ellefson felt it could protect Kratzky's property during smaller events. Olson thought that the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) had a requirement that all dikes constructed during the spring flood had to be removed by a certain date. Albright said that this Rule only applies to dikes the COE constructed, not private dikes.
**Permit No. 09-41, Brent Berg.** Applicant proposes to add a shallow ditch running north and south along the east side of the N½ of his field in the NW¼NE¼, Section 25, Barnesville Township, Clay County, to link up with existing natural area drainage. Berg claims that the City of Barnesville has no drainage for their "gravel road" and sump pumps in this area. All of the water from these sources pond on his field. He feels that the proposed project would take care of this drainage. Berg is working with the Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) on the project design. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 09-41. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 09-42, Wilkin County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to install plastic liners in two 30" corrugated metal pipe (CMP) under County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 3 in the northwest corner of Section 8, Deerhorn Township. The existing pipes are in very poor condition. Another option the County is considering is to bore a new 48" dia. culvert through CSAH No. 3 and plug the existing pipes. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 09-42, providing the new waterway area is comparable to the existing pipes. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 09-43, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to replace an obsolete bridge in the northwest corner of Section 32, Elkton Township, on Hay Creek, with two lines of 12' x 4' reinforced concrete box culverts (RCB) at the existing flow line. **Tabled,** pending Jones' review and recommendations.

**Permit No. 09-44, Leslie Dunham.** Applicant proposes to install a culvert in an existing dry field approach in the southwest corner of the E½SE¼, Section 25, Skree Township, Clay County. The culvert would allow water to flow naturally west during high water events. The culvert would also take some pressure off the downstream property in Section 36, Skree Township. **Tabled,** pending Manager field review.

**Permit No. 09-45, Josh Nanik/Peterson WRP.** Applicant proposes to install an approach with a culvert to access the Peterson Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement in Section 28, Wolverton Township, Wilkin County. The approach would allow access for the contractor to make repairs on the levee. The Wilkin Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will handle the repairs. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 09-45, subject to road authority approval to work within their road r-o-w and installation of a properly sized culvert, if needed. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 09-46, Keene Township.** Applicant proposes to install an 18" dia. culvert in a driveway in the NE¼NE¼, Section 36, south of 100th AVE N, which will lower a wetland on the west side of the driveway approximately 3' directly into Tatley Lake. Currently, the wetland elevation is approximately 4' higher than the lake. The Township claims that water used to flow through this driveway, but when a new owner improved the driveway, he may have filled in the old culvert. The road had a highwater problem this spring, and there is still some water over the road. The outlet end of the proposed culvert will be about 1' above the current water level on Tatley Lake. The Board reviewed photographs of the area. Albright has discussed this proposal with Scott Kahan, USFWS. To date, Kahan has not responded. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 09-46, subject to approval from the landowner to work on his private property and USFWS and DNR approval, if needed because of the involved protected waters. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Minch/Johnson Lawsuits.** Based on attorney/client privilege, and in accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Board went into closed session at 8:50 PM to discuss the status of these issues. At 9:01 PM, the Board reopened the meeting.

**City of Audubon.** Albright circulated photographs he took on 5/27/09 of a complaint the City of Audubon filed regarding work the Burlington Northern/Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad did along their tracks on their
property along Front ST. When BNSF cleaned their parking lot after the flood, they left debris and fill in the ditch along the tracks, which is blocking the area drainage. The City asked the BRRWD to send a letter to BNSF regarding this work. Albright will check with Rick St. Germain, H.E., who should be able to provide a contact person for BNSF who can take care of this issue.

**Red River Pedestrian Lift Bridges.** SRF Consulting Group, Inc., submitted a DNR comment form for two proposed pedestrian lift bridges over the Red River of the North located at Lindenwood/Gooseberry Parks, and Oak Grove/Memorial Parks in Fargo-Moorhead. The Board reviewed the proposals and agreed to go on record supporting the projects.

**Project No. 64, LaBelle/Boyer Lakes Outlet.** Jones' report is about half completed. He provided an elevation map for the Board to review. Currently, Boyer Lake would have to rise approximately 5' before it would go over Sheldon Johnson's driveway. The outlet culvert on Little Boyer Lake hasn't been surveyed yet, as it is still under water. Jones will contact BNSF Railroad to find out the size and configuration of their culvert. He thinks it is a box culvert. Jones discussed the two alternate drainage routes shown on the map. The first route would include cutting through a ridge on the Crabtree property between two wetland areas. Jones isn't sure yet if this work would require wetland mitigation. He plans to check with the Becker SWCD regarding this issue. If this route isn't feasible, Jones will focus on the plan to install a tiled outlet in the southeast bay of Little LaBelle.

After the recent Project Team (PT) meeting, Dave Barsness, Fisheries Specialist, DNR, discussed their concerns about fish passage between LaBelle and Warling Lake, which the DNR uses as a walleye rearing pond. Jones thought that he could design an outlet with a riser to prevent carp from moving upstream. Another option would be to bypass Warling Lake all together. This alternative would require about 2,000' of extra tiling and would increase the project cost significantly.

Jones discussed his efforts to find out if MNDOT wants the BRRWD to handle the Boyer Lake outlet design, or if they plan to do it. This issue needs to be resolved before the BRRWD can move forward with the landowner informational meeting. He added that he has visited with a landowner on Boyer Lake who supports lowering the lake with a tiled outlet, instead of an open ditch.

**Project No. 63, Grove Lake Outlet.** Albright mentioned that the office has received several phone calls and office visits regarding the project. The contractor, Steven Johnson Excavation, is expected to start work this week. Albright noted that lake residents report that the lake elevation is going down just because of the dryer weather.

**Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin J.D. 1, Branch 4-Improvement/Extension.** Albright reported that Jeff Nichol, William Nichol Excavating, plans to finish this project as soon as conditions permit.

**Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11-North.** The Clay County Highway Department opened bids on 5/26/09 for the project, which came in $20,000 under the Engineer's estimate. Jones contacted Managers VanAmburg and Ellefson to get BRRWD approval for Clay County to award the contract. The preconstruction meeting will be held on 6/16/09 at 11: AM at the Clay County Highway Department. The office mailed the r-o-w payments on 6/05/09.

Project landowner Lois Selberg contacted Albright regarding her r-o-w payment. She would also like to be placed on the ringdike candidate list. The r-o-w payment to Grant and Florence Valan will have to be reissued to their children, Diane Nordeng and Craig Valan, as their parents are no longer living. Opsahl has suggested that since small grains have already been planted, the r-o-w staking for the bufferstrips could be done later this fall after harvest, followed by seeding this fall or next spring.
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**Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention.** Last week, Pat Lynch, Financial Coordinator, DNR Waters, contacted Albright regarding the grant deadline extension. He forwarded an amendment to our contract that extends the completion deadline to 12/31/09. The amendment includes funding for Project No. 63, Grove Lake Outlet. Josh Nanik, Nanik Construction, visited the office earlier this month to report that the site is still too wet to continue their work. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize Ellefson to sign the grant amendment. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68.** Wade Opsahl arranged to have the washout area on Dave Heng's property at the inlet of County Ditch No. 68 in Glyndon along 12th AVE S repaired on Friday. Heng has confirmed that this area will be seeded to grass and will be maintained as a permanent grassed waterway, according to our agreement with him that the Board approved on 5/26/09. **Approved.**

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** Albright will be meeting with Vicky Sieben on 6/10/09 for a walk-through of her buyout property. The Open House for the Auction was held on 6/04/09, and the Auction is scheduled for 6/16/09 at 7:00 PM at Pifer's Auction in Moorhead. Albright noted that there seemed to be a lot of interest in the buyout properties during the Open House. Pat Lynch, DNR Waters, notified Albright that a new grant for $4 million has been approved, and the agreement will be forwarded for the BRRWD's signature in the next few days. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize Ellefson to sign the agreement as soon as it is received. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.** Albright explained that the 2% median household income threshold cost share for Oakport Township was based on the 1990 census figures ($439,300). The DNR updated the median household income based on the 2000 census, which will add $108,000 to Oakport Township's project cost share ($547,300). The DNR said that they have done this with all of the projects that have been in development for an extended period. **Approved.**

Jones reported that he has received Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) hydraulic models. H.E. is in the process of reviewing and adjusting the models. Jones will prepare a letter regarding what changes H.E. made in regards to project impacts to the Red River and Oakport Coulee.

Albright will make a presentation of the Oakport Flood Mitigation project to the Joint Powers Board on 6/25/09. The next Technical Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 6/29/09. He explained that the current plan is to let bids for Phase 1B (Wall ST to C.R. No. 93 on the west side of the Coulee) and Phase 2 (C.R. No. 93) at the 8/10/09 BRRWD meeting. Easements acquisition will need to be completed prior to awarding the contract. **Approved.**

**Project No. 42, Clay County Ditch No. 67.** Albright will schedule a redetermination of benefits hearing for the Stumbo property (5613 17th ST N) as soon as time permits. **Approved.**

**Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes.** Albright explained that the NRCS has been allocated federal funding for ringdike construction through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). A meeting regarding how we can apply for this funding has been scheduled on 6/12/09 at the Becker NRCS office. State NRCS representatives will be present to discuss the program. **Approved.**

Gary Olson's ringdike is ready to be built. The 2008 ringdike funding must be spent by 6/30/09. Opsahl has contacted Ziegler Construction to do the work. Olson sent a check for $6,250 in payment for his 25% share of the estimated project costs. **Motion** by VanAmburg to go ahead with Olson's ringdike project. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

The Board reviewed the elevation changes for the Kragnes Ringdike, which were revised following the 2009 spring flood. The construction work has already been completed, with only the seeding left to be done. H.E. submitted Pay Request No. 2 and Change Order No. 1 for Ziegler Construction, Inc. in the
amount of $5,374.15. The pay request is included on tonight's bill list. **Motion** by Olson to approve the pay request. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved**.

The office received the DNR grant agreement to extend the Kragnes Ringdike funding deadline until 12/31/09. **Motion** by Hanson to sign the agreement. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved**.

**Project No. 29, Buffalo River Logjams.** Dennis Braton, Braton Excavating, Inc., completed the debris removal on J. R. Davis' property along Whisky Creek in Barnesville. The cost was $450, which is on tonight's bill list. Albright noted that the DNR will conduct a low altitude high resolution aerial flight and has agreed to help locate logjams along the Buffalo River. Jones will check with Dave Friedl, DNR, regarding the status of that flight.

**Project No. 1, Wilkin County Ditch No. 22.** To date, no appeals have been filed regarding the proposed culvert changes for Lateral No. 2. Albright thought that the project could be started. Opsahl will contact Jeff Nichol to see if he could do the work.

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting is scheduled for 7/23/09 at 7:30 PM in the MSUM Science Center near Glyndon.

**Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP).** Albright reported that Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has approved the BRRWD's request for a grant extension until 12/31/09. He has not heard anything regarding the COE's review of the draft RWMP in relation to their Concurrence Points guidelines. Albright and Jones will work together to incorporate the changes that BWSR has suggested for the draft Plan. It would be nice to have the draft plan completed by 7/31/09.

**Clay County Ditch No. 49.** The Viewers met on 4/17/09 to finish their field reviews regarding concerns noted at the 3/17/09 Final Hearing. Once the Viewers' Report is updated, the Board can schedule the continuation hearing to finish the redetermination of benefits. The Board also plans to hold an informational meeting regarding the structure changes following the Redetermination hearing. The Board made the Order to make the structure changes in 2001. The 2009 spring flood has delayed work on this project.

**319 Surface Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) Model.** Mark Deutschman and Brennon Schaefer are wrapping up work on this project and will be presenting their report to the Board at our 6/22/09 meeting. The deadline for this grant is 6/30/09. Albright suggested that the Board start their meeting at 7:00 PM to allow time for the presentation. **Motion** by Hanson to start the 6/22/09 meeting at 7:00 PM. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved**. The Board will start their regular agenda at 8:00 PM.

**Fargo South Side Flood Control (FSSFC).** As one of the representatives for the Southeast Cass Water Resource District, UEI sent a request for the BRRWD to consider entering into a Joint Powers Agreement regarding the FSSFC. They offered to meet with the Board to discuss this issue. UEI has also requested that the Board help them obtain signatures from several Minnesota landowners to access their property for the Environmental Assessment (EA). The letter included names and addresses of the eight landowners who have not yet signed to allow the EA investigation on their property. Albright and Managers Olson and VanAmburg will try to meet with landowners in the near future in accordance with the Board's agreement with the City of Fargo entered into last fall.

The Board had an extended discussion regarding the Joint Powers Agreement request. Ellefson felt that we should get legal advice before entering into any agreement of that nature. The Board also discussed the proposed COE diversion project benefits/location. Ellefson feels that we need to be mindful of the fact that
the BRRWD represents the Minnesota landowners. Albright briefly discussed the hearing that Senator Dorgan held at the Fargo Dome regarding flood mitigation efforts.

**Buffalo River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).** Jones reported that flow monitoring stations are being discussed for the Buffalo River study area. Jones and Joshua Kadrmas, H.E., are working with MPCA to coordinate flow monitoring throughout the BRRWD in conjunction with the TMDL project, which will make the water quality data much more useful. Flow monitoring is vital to evaluating water quality data and identifying the proper placement of bufferstrips. Jones will prepare a monitoring report and submit a bill by 6/30/09.

**MAWD Summer Tour.** The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) has scheduled their Summer Tour for Thursday, June 25, 2009, to Saturday, June 27, 2009, which will be hosted by the Shell Rock River Watershed District in Albert Lea, MN. Managers Hanson and Nelson plan to attend. The office has taken care of their reservations.

**Clay County Ditch No. 65.** Keith Fischer has requested the flapgate repair on two field inlet culverts on County Ditch No. 65 in Section 3, Moland Township. One missing 18" dia. flapgate and one damaged 36" dia. flapgate will need to be replaced. Jones' cost estimate for the work was about $1,000. He recommended that the repairs be done. **Motion** by Hanson to approve the recommended repairs. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**Clay County Ditch No. 59.** Repairs have been requested for a field inlet flapgate on County Ditch No. 59 in Section 27, Morken Township. A damaged 18" dia. flapgate will need to be replaced. Jones recommended that the work be completed and estimated the project cost at approximately $500, including materials and labor. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the requested repair. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek Levees.** Ivan Nelson has requested the installation of a field entrance and culvert off from the north levee in Section 23, Atherton Township, Wilkin County. He needs access this fall to his sugar beet field. Nelson also reported that there are two beaver dams in this area on Deerhorn Creek that should be removed and some minor ditch cleaning between the levee and the creek to improve drainage. Jones recommended making these repairs and estimated the probable cost for this work at $2,500-$3,000, including equipment and materials. **Tabled,** pending Manager field review.

**Wetlands Conservation Act (WCA) Banking.** Albright and Mark Aanenson, H.E., met with Chuck Anderson on 5/08/09 to review a potential wetland restoration site in the NW¼, Section 28, Elkton Township, Clay County. Anderson is interested in selling the wetland credits to the BRRWD. Aanenson prepared a report regarding Anderson's proposed wetland site and estimated the potential New Wetland Credits (NWC) at between 15-22 acres, depending on the restoration method. The Public Value Credits (PVC) would be between 21 and 30 acres. The project is estimated to cost approximately $144,000. The report will be sent to Anderson for his review.

Dwight Mickelson near Rollag is also interested in banking some wetland credits. Mickelson sent Albright an e-mail message today to set up a meeting.

**Clay County Ditch No. 63.** Opsahl sent a letter to Ed Jerdee, Jerdee Bridge Company, regarding a damaged bridge deck on a field entrance crossing on County Ditch No. 63 along C.R. No. 19. He asked Jerdee to submit an estimate for labor and materials to repair the bridge. H.E. will review the bids and prepare a recommendation.
Mike Hustad Highwater Concern. Hustad contacted our office on 6/03/09 regarding high water on a pond in the northwest corner of Section 6, Norwegian Grove Township, Otter Tail County, and the southeast corner of Section 31, Tansem Township, Clay County. Opsahl reviewed the site and took pictures. Hustad is concerned that the high water is keeping his renter from accessing his hay field southeast of the high water. He reported that Clay County is also adding gravel to 180th AVE/Clay C. R. No. 127 to keep water from overtopping the road and running north. He feels the additional gravel on the road is acting as a dike and holding more water on his property. The Board reviewed Opsahl's photographs and discussed Hustad's concerns. Tabled, pending Manager field review.

Clay County Ditch No. 51. Jeff Richards, Kragnes Township Clerk, contacted Opsahl regarding a damaged culvert at the outlet of County Ditch No. 51 through 130th AVE N in the northwest corner of Section 16, Kragnes Township. The existing 84” dia. CMP in the township road has separated and is partially collapsed causing a sinkhole in the road. Richards indicated that the culvert should be replaced. He asked for BRRWD assistance regarding sizing and elevation for the new structure. The Township will review this site with FEMA. The Township would also like BRRWD assistance to repair another sloughing/erosion site on the south road ditch. Tabled, pending further investigation.

CCWMA Brochure. The Clay County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CCWMA) sent the Board a Weed Management brochure for their review. The CCWMA was recently organized to facilitate information dissemination and foster a more collaborative approach to targeting weed management efforts.

Buffalo River Stream Bank Erosion. The Board reviewed photographs Albright took of severe erosion damage caused by the 2009 Spring Flood on property owned by Rodney Wyland and Ronald Offutt in Sections 1 and 6, Riverton Township, Clay County. Albright will forward the photographs to the NRCS, who may have funding available for flood erosion repair.

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District forwarded a copy of a book by Deborah Morse-Kahn, commemorating their 50th Anniversary. The book is a history of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Aquifer Study. Cliff McLain, Moorhead Public Service (MPS), will make a presentation to the BRRWD regarding the proposed Buffalo River Aquifer Study at our 6/22/09 meeting at 8:00 PM.

River Keepers. Robert Bachman, Executive Director, River Keepers, has asked for time on our 7/13/09 agenda to discuss our funding commitment to his organization and to give an activities update.

Annual Budget Hearing. Albright noted that the 2009 Annual Budget Hearing will be scheduled for 8/24/09. The office will need to prepare a budget regarding the proposed 2010 M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, expenditures and a resolution for Clay County to review allowing the BRRWD to consider use of this levy for 2010.

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

Next Meeting. The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009, in the Barnesville office at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment. Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary