

# ***BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT***

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## **MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING**

**January 26, 2010**

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, John E. Hanson, Gerald L. VanAmburg, Curtis M. Nelson, and Breanna Paradeis Kobiela. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Zach Herrmann, Engineer, and Julie Jerger, Administrative Assistant, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); and landowner: Curtis Buck.

Chairman Ellefson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He announced that the proceedings were being taped to aid in preparation of the minutes. Due to a winter storm, last night's (1/25/10) meeting had to be rescheduled for tonight.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 12/14/09 BRRWD regular 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 BRRWD's financial status. Albright reported that we currently have \$1,976,133.42 on hand. To maintain the Midwest Bank account balance below the insured/pledged limit of \$750,000, Albright took money out to pay the 1/11/10 bills, so the balance is now \$749,000. Today, we received \$268,624.15 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for two Oakport home buyouts. The office recently submitted \$870,022.38 in a pay request to the DNR for Oakport general expenses. This week, the office is also going to submit a DNR pay request for Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention and the final pay request for Project No. 38, Kragnes Ringdike. We will be closing on two more houses in Oakport on Friday. Albright noted that we will probably schedule an auction for the buyout properties sometime this spring.

### **Other business brought before the Board included:**

**Lake Elevation Concerns.** Landowner Curtis Buck discussed highwater problems with the lakes upstream of Grove Lake in northwestern Otter Tail County. Two years ago, during discussions regarding the development of a project to lower the elevation of Grove Lake, landowners had raised concerns about the water levels on Pete, Randkler, Helgeson, and Businger Lakes. Now that an outlet has been established for Grove Lake, Buck wanted to know if the Board was going to address their concerns. Buck has spent several thousand dollars to raise his driveway at least twice in the last two years, and again last fall, it was under 1' of water. He would like to get a project for this area started. Ellefson explained that the BRRWD doesn't currently have an active project regarding the highwater problems Buck described. He agreed that the BRRWD is aware that a highwater problem exists on those lakes. Buck noted that the group had discussed a drainage proposal for this area at the preliminary informational meetings for the Grove Lake outlet. Buck discussed this issue with Randy Arntson, who owns land on the outlet of Pete Lake. Arntson was interested in a possible outlet project for Pete Lake and didn't foresee any problem with an outlet crossing his property.

The group discussed the status of the local lakes and the possible drainage options. Buck explained that the Township has raised their road between Pete and Grove Lakes nearly 10'. Last fall, Pete Lake was already encroaching onto to the road. Buck felt that if there was a heavy rainfall, the road would wash out and

water would flow uncontrolled downstream to Grove Lake. He added that the culvert through the township road is plugged with sandbags to prevent water going to the south of 470<sup>th</sup> ST. Currently, Buck has to access his property through his neighbor's yard. More discussion followed regarding project options. Buck felt that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) should be involved with a potential project because if the lake elevations get much higher, it could affect Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 34. Albright noted that Pete Lake is probably at an all time high elevation. The Board discussed the next steps to address this issue. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize H.E. to prepare a report regarding concepts/alternatives/cost estimate for a possible outlet for the referenced lakes. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** Once the Board has this information, the Board could hold a meeting with the local landowners, which would include the downstream landowners on Grove Lake and Clay County Ditch No. 34. Gove Lake drains to Whisky Creek, where the channelized portions are County Ditch No. 34. Herrmann thought that H.E. has the previous LiDAR elevation data for this area. Ellefson felt that we need some type of project for Pete Lake to control the water if it breaks out. The group also discussed fish passage issues and possible United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) downstream concerns related to a potential project in this area.

**Permit No. 09-131, Detroit Lakes WMD/USFWS.** Applicant proposes to restore a wetland on Becker County Ditch No. 5, upstream of the Amer Froyland (Todd Branden) Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) dam in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, Audubon Township. Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103.227, Impounding Surface Waters on a County Ditch, will be applicable to this project. At their 12/14/09 meeting, the Board tabled action on this application until that process is reviewed. Albright and Jones met with the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District (WMD)/ USFWS on 1/07/10, and they agreed to follow the Statutes regarding their project development. The process will include a petition, an Engineer's recommendations, and a hearing with the affected landowners. The USFWS would also have to furnish documentation that they have received flowage easements from the affected landowners. Once this process is completed, the BRRWD will be able to issue a permit for the wetland restoration. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 09-132, Bruce Yaggie.** Applicant proposes to install approximately 330 acres of patterned tiling in the S½, Section 20, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County. Yaggie plans to install the tile from east to west. On the headland, he plans to install a main line that will gravity flow to the northwest corner of the property to the road ditch. Water from the tiling will eventually outlet to Wilkin County Ditch No. 5A, to which it is assessed. The Board would like to field review the proposed tile outlet. Albright discussed the project with the downstream landowner, Jay Nord, who indicated that he had no problems with the proposal. **Tabled** pending Manager field review this spring.

**Permit No. 10-01, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to repair County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 52 between CSAH No. 21 to County Road (C.R.) No. 67. The County plans to apply an unbonded concrete overlay, replace all centerline and sideline culverts, place edge drains, clean the ditches, and replace the guardrail at the Buffalo River crossing. Culvert sizing and elevations will not change from the current configuration, and the ditches will be cleaned to grade. The new roadway elevation will be 4"-8" higher than the current elevation. The application included a map/drawing of the proposed construction area. Herrmann noted that he reviewed the possible impacts from the proposed project in relation to the new preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) models and discussed the proposed road elevation with Nathan Gannon, Clay County Highway Department. Herrmann calculated that by raising the road 4", the worst impact upstream of the South Branch of the Buffalo River bridge would be a stage increase of 0.04'. Albright noted that because the Otter Tail Valley Railroad tracks parallel CSAH No. 52 on the north and west, any stage increase from the road project will be trapped between the road and the tracks. Herrmann added that three existing box culverts will be replaced with 51" span arches. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 10-01. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Project Funding.** The Board discussed potential 2010 funding and construction for Project Nos. 66, 65, and 64. Project No. 66, Tansem/Ranum Lakes Outlet, appears to be on hold, as downstream landowners are not supportive of a project. Project No. 65, County Line Outlet, is still potentially a viable project for 2010. Last fall, the Townships ran out of time on the pumping option. The BRRWD had agreed to cost share the pumping costs with the Townships. The Board plans to continue the development of Project No. 64, LaBelle/Boyer Lakes Outlet by starting the appraisal work and scheduling hearings this winter with the goal of completing this project in the summer of 2010. State Representative Morrie Lanning introduced a 2010 bonding bill that includes \$4.9 million for BRRWD projects: \$3.5 million for Oakport, \$1 million for 75% funding for the Manston Slough Restoration project, and \$400,000 for undesignated lake outlets. The bill was reviewed in conference committee last week. Albright explained that we are only asking for funding that we can spend by 12/31/10. The Board briefly discussed other projects for which Clay County is seeking state funding.

**Project No. 63, Grove Lake Outlet.** There are plans to install another 20' section of pipe on the inlet box to extend further out into the lake to eliminate a silting problem near the structure, which is currently restricting flow through the inlet. Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., plans to finalize the DNR grant pay request, as soon as this work is completed.

**Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention.** The contractor, Nanik Construction, Inc., has requested that the Board release the 2% retainage (\$7,831.57), as they feel the project is completed. The Board discussed this request. They decided to keep the retainage until next spring when we can be sure the seeding germinates and some cleanup work is finished.

**Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration.** Les Bensch, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LOHC), will attend the 1/28/10 Mediation Project Team (PT) meeting to experience how the Mediation process works. Bensch is interested in promoting watershed project funding from the LOHC.

Albright noted that the office will try to complete work on the project easements this winter. Now that the well sealing has been completed on the Holubok farmsite, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will be able to process the BRRWD's Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) payment. Albright plans to forward the Holubok abstract to the DNR so that their acquisition of the property can also be completed.

**Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries.** Landowner Virgil Holt has requested that we schedule a meeting with him and Brian Durensky before Durensky does any further work on his project to clean the ditch on the east side of C.R. No. 25 north to the DNR protected waterway just south of Holt's farmyard. Holt is now residing in a local nursing home. The Board approved Durensky's permit for tiling in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 21, Humboldt Township, on 8/10/09, and he just recently started the outlet work. Holt is concerned about Durensky hauling the spoil to his own property, instead of either placing it on his Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage where it originally came from, or into his yard. On 1/20/10, the Clay County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee denied Holt's request regarding placement of the spoil on CRP acreage. Albright will try to schedule a time when the Board could meet with Holt and Durensky regarding this issue.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** Albright reported that the BRRWD has currently bought 41 properties, leaving approximately 20 acquisitions to complete. The office plans to prepare a budget to track project expenditures. The BRRWD hopes to receive \$3.5 million in bonding funds from the state for the 2010 summer construction season. Albright predicted that we could have the property acquisition phase of the project completed by 6/01/10. The Board discussed the project costs, funding, and our potential contribution to the project.

Albright reported that the negotiations continue with Fischer family members, who were scheduled to close on their easement next Monday. However, two of the siblings have concerns about the effect on property tax values, so it remains to be seen if the closing will happen as scheduled. Duane and Leland Egge were in the office last week to negotiate Duane's easement. Realtor Fran Snelgrove held an open house for the two buyout properties the BRRWD plans to sell. Albright closed on the Knorr property today. He plans to attend some neighborhood meetings tomorrow night with Oakport Township Chairman, Greg Anderson, starting at 6:30 PM.

Albright noted that the Clay County Auditor notified the BRRWD that they might not be able to assess for the 2010 bond sale (\$1.46 million) they completed last fall. The Auditor's office is switching to a different computer system, and they may not have time to include these levies. The BRRWD has already received the funding, so the County could experience a 2010 shortfall if they can't assess for the revenue.

Lako Drilling, Inc., submitted Pay Request No. 1 for sealing 13 wells in Oakport for \$7,800. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the referenced pay request. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee.** Albright noted that Traci Goble, Mayor of Georgetown, contacted the office with concerns about project funding. Representative Lanning did not include this project in his 2010 bonding bill because we don't expect that a project for Georgetown can be ready to build in 2010. There is also the possibility that a project could be funded in conjunction with the other cities downstream of the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project.

Rick St. Germain, Engineer, H.E., is heading up this project. Herrmann noted that according to the preliminary geotechnical data, the new dike alignment will need to be 60'-100' further back from the Buffalo River bank, and more easements and several buyouts will need to be obtained. The Board discussed how the project would affect the existing dike.

We currently have a \$155,000 grant from DNR for project development, which is in effect until 12/31/10. We can use this funding to pay for soil borings, alignment design/modification, cost estimates, and possible buyouts. Justin Jackson has requested a buyout for his house in Georgetown. Albright explained that Jackson's property will need to be bought out even if a project is not developed. The Board briefly discussed authorizing an appraisal for this property and using the current grant funding for this expenditure. They also discussed funding and possible downstream impacts from the proposed Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Project.

Albright noted there is a section of the existing dike north of the elevator, between the railroad tracks and T.H. No. 75 that has been removed. The Board discussed this issue. He will ask Opsahl to investigate.

As part of their Red River Basin Wide Feasibility Study, the COE is providing updated modeling for all the sub-basins in the Red River Basin, including the Buffalo River. The COE is working with the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) to develop this project on the Minnesota side of the Red River. Because the BRRWD is not a member of the RRWMB, we were not notified about this opportunity. Jerry Bents, H.E., who is the engineering consultant for the Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD), informed Albright that the WRWD has submitted their projects to improve flood protection for the Cities of Perley and Hendrum as a local match to participate in this project. Albright suggested that the BRRWD could also submit our project for Georgetown as an in-kind match to participate in the COE's Study. The Board discussed this proposal. **Motion** by VanAmburg to submit the Georgetown levee improvement project as an in-kind local funding match to the COE to participate in their Study. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes.** The group discussed the list of ring dike applicants. Albright felt that funding might be a problem this year. The office will prepare a final billing for the Kragnes ringdike to the DNR for approximately \$47,000.

**Project No. 37, Clay County Ditch No. 41-Lat No. 1.** The Church of the Nazarene plans to attend a BRRWD meeting to request funding assistance for a new culvert/crossing over Lateral No. 1. MNDOT plans to remove the Church's existing access to T.H. No. 75 because of safety concerns. The only alternative is to cross Lateral No. 1. Jones has recommended one line of 14' wide x 10' high box culvert for this approach, which will cost approximately \$50,000. The Church will apply for a BRRWD permit to install the culvert.

The Board discussed cost sharing this project. MNDOT plans to give the Church credit for removal of the crossing off T.H. No. 75. According to Drainage Law, private crossings installed before 1945 might be a ditch system expense, but private crossings installed after 1945 must be paid for as a ditch system expense. The original ditch system was installed pre-1945 (early 1900s), but the most recent project improvements were completed in the 1990s. Ellefson noted that we have cost shared other private crossings in the past. The Board felt that we could share in the costs minus what the MNDOT credits the Church for the old crossing. The Board will discuss this issue further when the Church representatives attend a meeting with a formal request.

**Project No. 32, Hawley EDA Diversion.** The City of Hawley is very satisfied with the recent riverbank restoration project, completed in December 2009. They would also like to resolve the deteriorating 60" dia. culvert issue, as soon as possible. H.E. needs to prepare a letter with repair recommendations.

**Project No. 29, Buffalo River Log Jams.** The BRRWD has qualified for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funding for logjam removal. The aerial survey has been completed, and about 30 sites have been identified. The work is now on hold until NRCS releases the EWP funding.

**Project No. 27, Clay County Ditch No. 55.** The office sent invoices to the affected landowners regarding the ditch cleaning along the north side of CSAH No. 10, on the east side of Interstate-94 (I-94) that took place late last fall. The Board also discussed an icing concern with Andrew Haugen's driveway crossing on Clay County Ditch No. 55 in Section 19, Elkton Township. Albright field reviewed this concern. It appears the Bill Austin's tiling project in Section 16, Elkton Township, is still running to the ditch, but the area culverts are open under the ice. He found that there was a large amount of snow by Haugen's driveway culvert, but it didn't appear that the culvert was plugged.

**Project No. 26, Buffalo River Streambank Erosion Control.** Albright discussed Rodney Wyland's 2009 erosion/flooding concerns on his property in the NE1/4, Section 1, Glyndon Township, with Scott Smith, NRCS. There are significant erosion problems in this area, and parts of the Buffalo River bank are washed out. The BRRWD and NRCS could possibly collaborate on a joint project for this area in the spring.

**Project No. 24, Wilkin County Ditch No. 44.** H.E. is still working on plans for the repairs Terry Czichotzki requested for a 0.5-mile channel cleanout along the W½, Section 12, Manston Township. The property owner is The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and they need to review any proposed work along their property. Czichotzki and downstream landowner, Dave Yaggie, have also asked for BRRWD assistance to address field erosion problems in this area. The Board discussed cost sharing the erosion repair costs, and possible repair options.

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 1:30 PM at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) office in Detroit Lakes. As previously mentioned, Les

Bensch, LOHC, will attend the meeting to discuss LOHC funding and to observe how a watershed district PT process operates. He would like to provide more funding for watershed districts from the LOHC. H.E. will make a presentation regarding the Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP), which is currently out for comments. The PT will also discuss the proposed project for the South Branch of the Buffalo River in Wilkin County.

The Board also briefly discussed the Barnesville Township Flood Damage Reduction Study. Because of wet conditions in the past several years, the area southwest of Barnesville in Sections 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Barnesville Township, Clay County, has had significant water problems. Frank Schindler, who owns land in Sections 33 and 34, Barnesville Township, is concerned that the BRRWD has not yet installed a larger culvert for his property that he feels they promised when he agreed to allow the removal of two culverts that drained on the Peppel property. Nelson pointed out that Schindler refused to sign the agreement that referenced this culvert. He only agreed to consider the other landowner requests. The downstream landowners are opposed to increasing the capacity of the referenced culvert in 140<sup>th</sup> ST S. Schindler suggested that if the BRRWD doesn't want to install the culvert, as promised, maybe we should rent his land for \$100/acre. The BRRWD thought Schindler should consider installing a retention pond on part of his property.

**RWMP.** Jones will mail the final draft of the RWMP to the participating agencies this week. The next steps will be to complete the 60-day public review and schedule two public hearings prior to final BWSR approval in April. The 60-day comment period will end 3/27/10. The office will schedule hearings in Barnesville and Hawley.

**Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.** Dave and Mark Yaggie met with Albright last week to discuss their irrigation concerns. Albright gave Dave Yaggie a copy of the DNR grant agreement for \$45,000 to retrofit his existing well. The funding must be spent by 9/10/10. He advised Yaggie to sign up at the Wilkin County NRCS office for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that would provide funding to change his existing irrigation system to a low-flow system. Yaggie may have plans to remove his existing irrigators and install one system to cover his entire section. Albright will check with Yaggie to make sure he follows through with the EQIP funding application.

**Buffalo River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).** A meeting with MPCA will be held on 2/02/10 in Detroit Lakes at 1:30 PM to discuss the stressor identification process. The TMDL Management Team will meet at 10:00 AM in Detroit Lakes prior to Stressor meeting. Molly McGregor, MPCA, is organizing a "Study Circle" project to use the River Watch program to teach individuals the fundamentals of watersheds and water quality, and to elicit input about what actions could be developed to promote water quality in our communities. Two public meetings will be held in February and March with the goal of recruiting at least 12 participants. In April and June, this same group of people will meet again to plan a water quality event, which could be held in July during the Clay County Fair in Barnesville. Dr. Karlyn Eckman, Senior Research Associate, Water Resources Center, University of Minnesota, is planning to organize a social indicators survey with a mass mailing to find out what citizens know about watershed issues. Both Eckman and McGregor had planned to attend our meeting last night, but had to cancel because of the snowstorm.

**COE FM Metro Area Study.** The COE will hold meetings with the Metro Flood Study Work Group and the public on Monday, February 1, 2010, to announce their findings regarding the benefit/cost ratio for the North Dakota and Minnesota proposed diversion routes. Albright encouraged the Managers to attend the meeting. The Board had an extended discussion regarding the project routes and the BRRWD's role in the project development/administration/maintenance. Legislators and agencies have suggested that a project authority should be set up that could function across state lines to develop/construct the project. There is also a Metro Task Force meeting on 2/04/10 at 3:30 PM in the City Commission Room, Fargo.

**Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Annual Conference.** Albright and Manager Hanson attended the RRBC's Annual Red River Basin Land & Water international Summit Conference on January 19-21, 2010, in Grand Forks. They discussed their experiences at the Conference. Albright noted that he participated in a conference call today, organized by the RRBC, on the topic of targeted goals for each subwatershed in the Red River basin. The COE also has a basin-wide study in the planning stages to survey/analyze each subwatershed on both sides of the Red River.

**M.S.A. 103D. 905, Sub. 3.** Albright plans to prepare a budget showing the proposed use of this taxation authority in 2010. He also has contacted Clay County to schedule time on the Commission meeting agenda to ask the Commissioners to approve two petitions allowing the BRRWD to use M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, for a general levy for projects within the BRRWD and a special levy to provide a local match for the County to buyout homes that were damaged in the 2009 spring flood.

**New Office.** The Board briefly discussed possible office locations on Main Street in Barnesville. Albright will meet with Karen Lauer, Executive Director, Barnesville Economic Development Association (EDA), to discuss possible locations for a new office. Ellefson noted that he talked to Henry Solum, who owns the old grocery store building on Front Street, regarding office space. The Board also talked about possible financing for a new building.

**Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee Clean Water Legacy (CWL) Project.** A new round of CWL funding will be allocated in the near future. The Clay and Wilkin SWCDs have prepared an application for funding to continue project concepts. A BWSR decision is expected in the near future.

**City of Moorhead's Alternative Urban Area Review (AUAR).** Albright prepared a response to a letter the BRRWD received from Bonestroo, who is an engineering firm working with the City of Moorhead regarding their AUAR Update. They are asking for comments regarding the proposed AUAR update for the South and East Moorhead Growth Area by 2/19/10. The Board reviewed a BRRWD map showing the Growth Area and discussed the comments Albright prepared in his letter. The Board authorized Albright to send the letter to Bonestroo regarding our concerns.

**Grant Opportunity.** The Miller Brewing Company is making funding available for nation-wide agricultural/water projects based on online voting by the public. Top prize is \$25,000.

**Area II Envirothon 2010.** The Wilkin SWCD sent a request for a contribution to their 2010 Envirothon events. **Motion** by VanAmburg to donate \$150.00. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Bond Appropriation Bill.** Albright provided a copy of Representative Morrie Lanning's bill for our flood damage reduction projects for the Board's review.

**Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Legislative Breakfast.** MAWD has scheduled their annual Legislative Breakfast for March 10-11, 2010, in St. Paul. All the Managers plan to attend. The BRRWD and Pelican River Watershed District will collaborate on meetings with the Legislators.

**Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries.** Jones submitted recommendations for a 2,000' repair of the "east tributary" of Whisky Creek in Section 24, Barnesville Township, Clay County, from T.H. No. 9 to C.R. No. 55. The channel is plugged with trees, brush, and silt, causing water to breakout and flow across farmland. A DNR permit would be required for this work, as the waterway is protected. There are also possible wetland impacts. The estimated cost is from \$5,000 to \$6,000. **Tabled** pending Manager review.

**Olson Retirement Party.** The Board discussed a date/location for holding a Manager retirement party for E. Robert Olson. Albright will make the arrangements, and the office will send invitations.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
Barnesville Phone Company	1/25/10 billings (2)	Admin.	\$ 166.97
Bruce E. Albright	RRBC lodging #183248	Admin.	\$ 165.00
Bruce Nelson	Sediment Control Basins	Hay Creek CWL	\$ 3,690.33
David H. & Diane L. Kahl	easement	Pj. No. 49, Oakport	\$ 16,908.00
David J. & Jennifer J. Lider	easement	Pj. No. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,027.00
Deerhorn Township	48" x 50' cmp (50%)	Pj. 30, Clay/Wilkin J.D. 1	\$ 956.64
Dennis L. & Barbara L. Lien	easement	Pj. No. 49, Oakport	\$ 19,294.50
Glenn E. & Vivian R. Dockter	Easement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 2,475.00
ICS Agency, Inc.	#38684, house insurance	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 110.00
J&J Braton Properties, LLC	February office rent	Admin.	\$ 540.00
Joel Carlson	February 2010 Lobbyist fee	Admin.	\$ 850.00
Kevan Nelson	Bufferstrips	Hay Creek CWL	\$ 9,600.00
Lako Drilling, Inc.	Pay Request No. 1-well sealing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 7,800.00
Lyle Wilkins, Inc.	Final Pay Request	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 1,698.57
Matt Bjerke	Sediment Control Basins	Hay Creek CWL	\$ 6,322.41
MAWD	2010 membership dues	Admin.	\$ 3,500.00
MAWD	Legislative Breakfast (6)	Admin.	\$ 300.00
Moorhead Public Service	12/07/09-1/07/10 service (5)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 135.77
Nanik Construction	Pay Request No. 9	Pj. 58, Riverton	\$ 12,516.56
Nichelson Oil, Inc.	#130555, 130552, fuel oil (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 518.00
Randy Rick	1/24/10 property manager fees	Pj. No. 49, Oakport	\$ 800.00
Randy Rick	Jensen house repairs/carpeting	Pj. No. 49, Oakport	\$ 3,359.97
Red Oaks Concepts	#015913-Key chains	Admin.	\$ 638.98
Red River Valley Coop	12/10/09-1/10/10 billings (6)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 768.49
Roger G. Ellefson	#0929, 11/01/09-12/31/09	Varies	\$ 746.56
Roger Lundberg	Beaver Control	Pj. 31, Wilkin 40 & 43, Clay 3, 10, & 39	\$ 1,506.25
TRN Abstract & Title F-M	#6170107, #6170330, #6170358	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 465.00
UEI	#11426, 11422, 11432, 11417	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 39,870.90
Wilkin SWCD Envirothon	Donation	Admin.	\$ 150.00
			<b>\$ 141,880.90</b>

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

**Next Meeting.** The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Barnesville office at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary