

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

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## **MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING**

**June 28, 2010**

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 8:00 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, Erik Jones, Engineer, and Julie Jerger, Administrative Assistant, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); and landowner: Wayne Brendemuhl

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

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 4/26/10 regular meeting. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board reviewed the BRRWD's financial status. Albright reported that we currently have \$1,744,150.88 cash on hand. Since the last meeting, we have received \$886,557.56. The majority of this income, \$822,407.73, came from reimbursements from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for our Oakport project. We have an additional \$350,000 in pay requests submitted to the DNR for Oakport buyouts. Becker County forwarded their first half 2010 property and ditch tax proceeds (\$55,922.39). Becker, Wilkin, and Otter Tail Counties are all current with their tax payments. Only Clay County is still outstanding. The Board discussed their financial status. Albright pointed out that most of the cash on hand is allocated to the Oakport Flood Mitigation project. He suggested that the Board might have to consider levying the ditch systems that have negative balances more aggressively at our annual budget hearing this fall to try to improve our cash flow next year.

**Clay County Ditch No. 49.** Wayne Brendemuhl was unable to attend the redetermination of benefits hearings on 3/16/10 and 3/22/10, and questioned what the Board planned to do regarding the proposed structure replacements for the ditch system. Albright briefly related what took place at the two redetermination hearings in March. The Board held a hearing on 3/16/10 in Moorhead, but because of the spring flood, they continued the hearing at their 3/22/10 regular meeting to give any interested parties another chance to speak. At that meeting, the Board made the Order to adopt the redetermination of benefits for County Ditch No. 49 and to move forward with the structure replacements according to their 2001 Order, starting from the downstream area and working from County Road (C.R.) No. 5. The work will be financed according to Drainage Law. The Board reviewed a map showing the proposed structure changes, and Albright provided a summary of the proposed work. The redetermination will include the installation of one-rod grassed bufferstrips. Albright noted that the seeding has been completed, and the bill for the work is on tonight's bill list. The group also discussed project funding. Albright explained the process necessary for the Townships to receive State funding assistance through the Clay County Highway Department for the road structures.

Brendemuhl asked if there is an inventory of the existing ditch system inlet culverts. He also asked why the number of project inlets isn't the same for each property owner along the ditch. He commented that there seems to be a large number of inlets upstream of his property. The Board discussed Brendemuhl's questions. Albright commented that prior to the BRRWD assuming jurisdiction of the ditch system, several ditch inlet culverts were installed without the drainage authority's approval. He explained the process to

add culverts to the ditch system. Ellefson asked if Brendemuhl needed another culvert. Brendemuhl pointed out that there are nine 24" dia. culverts from west to east on the Oberg property. He wanted to see the results of the culvert inventory before he made a decision regarding more inlets for his property. The Board felt a culvert inventory would benefit the BRRWD and the ditch system landowners. Albright suggested that the work could be completed this fall or next spring, with time availability and weather conditions permitting. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., to conduct the requested culvert inventory, including location, size, and an estimate of culvert capacity per property. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Brendemuhl observed that the bufferstrip has been seeded before any cleaning or berm repair took place this summer. Albright explained that repairs are going to be done on an as needed basis. We wanted to get the right-of-way (r-o-w) staked and seeded while weather permitted. Brendemuhl asked that if there is a plan in place to address problems that might be caused by the structure replacements. He thought there were a few places where the berm could be repaired/raised along the ditch to prevent breakouts. He suggested that the BRRWD survey the road elevation and the spoil bank. County regulations require that the spoil bank be about 6" lower than road. If there are obvious breakout areas, the berm should be raised. Albright noted that County Ditch No. 49 was designed for a 5-10 year event. He added that the Board would be willing to work with Brendemuhl to address his concerns/needs regarding County Ditch No. 49.

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

**Permit No. 09-40, David Sogge.** The office sent copies of the file information regarding the Sogge/Thesing drainage dispute to Pam Thesing and David Sogge last week, in response to Thesing's request. Sogge called the office today to report that he has completely removed the drainage pipe from his yard that he was using last fall to carry sump pump discharge to the 3" dia. pipe in the Thesing driveway. At the 12/14/09 BRRWD meeting, Sogge agreed to stop using this pipe for his sump pump drainage. He said he hasn't used this route for his sump pump water since December. He wanted to document that he still has the 3" dia. pipe in the driveway to drain natural water. Clay County plans to regrade their C.R. No. 86 road ditch in front of Sogge's house where he has been draining his water since last December. The County has asked Sogge to reroute his water temporarily to the back of his yard so that the ditch will be dry for the repair work. Sogge told the office that Thesing has filed a civil suit against him. The Board felt it was probably best for the Court to sort out this neighborhood disagreement.

**Permit No. 10-35-Amendment, City of Moorhead.** At their 5/24/10, the Board approved Permit No. 10-35 for work associated with the Horn Park Levee, located south of Interstate-94 (I-94) and adjacent to Rivershore Drive and the Red River. The proposed project would raise and extend an existing levee from elevation 908.20 to 908.40, or approximately the 44-foot flood stage at the Fargo gauge. The project will include underground utility modifications. The City filed an amendment to their earlier application to add approximately 380' of floodwall extending north of the originally proposed project. This additional work will provide similar protection from the north end of the Horn Park embankment to the south r-o-w limits of I-94. Jones reviewed the proposed change and recommended approval of the permit amendment. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve the amendment to Permit No. 10-35. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 10-39, Trosvik, Inc.** Applicant proposes to install random tiling in low areas in the E½SE¼, Section 6, and the NE¼NE¼, Section 7, Trondhjem Township, Otter Tail County. At their 6/14/10 meeting, the Board tabled this application pending receipt of a permit application from the downstream neighbor, Cary Danielson. Albright noted that Danielson has now submitted a drainage plan, which will provide an adequate outlet for Trosvik, Inc. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 10-39, pending implementation of Danielson's tiling project. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**T-Farms, Inc. Tiling Violation.** Albright discussed the random tiling project that T-Farms, Inc. installed in the E½SE¼ and the SW¼, Section 32, Norwegian Grove Township, Otter Tail County. Earl and Tom Trosvik did the work without a BRRWD permit. In addition, the project doesn't have an adequate outlet for the tile through the north culvert on 110<sup>th</sup> AVE. The project outlets directly across the downstream cropland, causing flooding and erosion. The office has drafted a letter containing recommendations for correcting this problem. Ellefson felt that T-Farms, Inc. should apply for a BRRWD permit for their project. They should also get approval from the downstream landowners and from Norwegian Grove Township Supervisors to work within their road r-o-w. The letter set a 9/15/10 completion deadline for the restoration work. If they don't correct their work by that date, the BRRWD could direct them to plug the tile line until an adequate outlet is established. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize Ellefson to sign the letter on behalf of the BRRWD. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.** Copies of the letter will also be sent to the downstream landowners and BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm.

**Permit No. 10-46, Harmen Tande.** Applicant proposes to pattern tile 134 acres in the SE¼, Section 24, Oakport Township, Clay County. The project will outlet to Clay County Ditch No. 35 to which it is assessed. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 10-46. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 10-48, Dave Larson/Rustic Oaks.** Applicant proposes to add a driveway/culvert for a parking lot expansion for his retreat center in Section 30, Kurtz Township, Clay County. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 10-48. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 10-49, Lon Olson.** Applicant proposes to install a culvert/crossing on Becker County Ditch No. 15, Branch No. 1, in the SW¼NE¼, Section 22, Hamden Township, Becker County, to access his farmland. Chad Mattson, who is doing the repair work on County Ditch No. 15, will do this work as soon as he completes his work for the BRRWD ditch repair. Opsahl will investigate and forward the details to Jones for his review and recommendation. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 10-50, Art Anderson.** Applicant proposes to install a crossing with culverts on Becker County Ditch No. 15 to provide access to his farmland. Mattson will also do this work. Ellefson questioned the culvert sizing. Opsahl will investigate and forward to the details to Jones for his review and recommendation. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 10-51, Cary Danielson.** Applicant proposes to install random tiling in the W½NE¼, Section 7, Trondhjem Township, Otter Tail County, that will outlet to a natural waterway. Danielson's proposed project will provide an outlet for Permit No. 10-39, Sylvester Trosvik's tiling project. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 10-51, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer, and a recommendation that Danielson check with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding wetland impacts. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 10-52, City of Moorhead.** Applicant proposes to complete work on the Woodlawn Park levee, located north of 8<sup>th</sup> AVE, adjacent to Elm ST and the Red River. The work would raise and extend an existing levee in this location to elevation 906.20, or approximately the flood stage 44 feet at the Fargo gauge. Jones reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 10-52. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Dunham Tiling Violation.** Albright noted that Miles Tiling Company, Brandon, MN, did tiling projects for Nolan and David Dunham last fall and this spring in the E½W½, Section 5 and the E½W½, Section 9, Prairie View Township, Otter Tail County, that outlets to Wilkin County Ditch No. 41. In a letter to Miles Tiling regarding their activities, Albright advised them that landowners need to obtain a BRRWD permit for tiling projects, and he also told them that the Dunhams should file permit applications for their projects, as soon as possible. To date, the Dunhams have not filed an application. Albright will prepare a letter for

the Board's review, notifying the Dunhams that they need to obtain the proper permits, or the Board could resort to legal action.

**Diking Complaint.** In 2007, Mike Lewis installed a culvert on the west side of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 in the NE¼, Section 2, Barnesville Township. Neighboring landowner Ronald Erdman was concerned about the culvert installation because he felt that the culvert was undersized, crushed in the middle, and in a poor location. Last fall, the Board conducted a field review and agreed to monitor the culvert to see if it functions properly. Recently, Erdman removed the existing culvert and constructed a dike on the property line west of culvert's former location without a BRRWD permit. The Lewises contacted the NRCS regarding Erdman's work. The Board decided to allow the NRCS to handle this issue, unless the Lewises contact our office. We might have a used 72" dia. x 22' long culvert from Wilkin County Ditch No. 44 that the Lewises could use to replace the culvert Erdman removed, if necessary. Opsahl could check on the culvert to determine its value.

**Wetland Violation.** Someone has completed drainage work along 190<sup>th</sup> ST S in Sections 17 and 18, Skree Township, Clay County, north of C.R. No. 10. Albright and Ellefson conducted a field review on 6/11/10. It appears the work drained several wetlands. Representatives from the NRCS office are investigating the work.

**Minch Lawsuits.** Based on attorney/client privilege, and in accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Board went into closed session at 9:20 PM to discuss the status of this issue. At 9:27 PM, the Board reopened the meeting.

**Red River North Dam Boat Ramp.** River Keepers are working with DNR Parks and Trails Division regarding a new boat ramp in Riverfront Park and portage at North Dam with fishing access. The office received a Wetlands Conservation Act (WCA) Comment Form regarding this project. The Board agreed that they would have no comment. **Motion** by Hanson to return the form with no comment. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Project No. 67, HRB Outlet.** Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) has been doing some survey work along T.H. No. 34 in this area. Jones has tried to contact MNDOT regarding their interest in participating in an outlet project. The Board discussed the highwater issues in the lakes area. MNDOT might change their stand regarding these problems because of the costs associated with raising their roadway. Lake outlets are permanent and are cheaper in terms of addressing the road problems

**Project No. 66, Tansem/Ranum Lakes Outlet.** MNDOT is also surveying T.H. No. 34 in this area. Jones will follow up them regarding a project to assist Brad and Lanessa Hersch with the flooding problems they are experiencing with their homestead along T.H. No. 34.

**Project No. 65, County Line Outlet.** Kevin Brennan, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Fergus Falls Wetland Management District (WMD), notified Albright that they have submitted a funding proposal to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LOHC) Grant Program to study the wetland highwater problems. This project will be included in the application, which will be filed this fall. According to Robert Hovland, Supervisor, Prairie View Township, the Township has installed the culvert through their road (310<sup>th</sup> AVE), and the road is now out of the water. The Board talked about their project costs and possible project benefits.

**Project No. 64, LaBelle/Boyer Lakes Outlet.** Opsahl reported that the contractor has finished boring the pipe along T.H. No. 10, and the work was successful. The inline control structure should be onsite this week and ready for installation. The Becker County Ditch No. 9 cleanout should be completed by the end of the week. Jones made the requested revisions to the Johnson easement. They agreed to the proposed

1319 elevation for Little Boyer Lake. Jones sent them a letter with the draft easement for their review. When we receive the signed easement, the BRRWD will issue the agreed upon \$1,000.00 payment. **Motion** by Paradeis Kobiela to approve the Johnson easement payment and to issue a check to the Johnsons when we receive a signed easement. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

LaBelle Lake is already down about 1'. The Board discussed the condition of Becker County Ditch No. 9 prior to the opening of the LaBelle Lake outlet. The landowners along the ditch agreed to allow the contractor to deposit the spoil along their fields. Jones noted that we will replace an existing field crossing near the outlet of Little Boyer Lake with a Texas crossing to accommodate large machinery. Opsahl thought that there might be a need for additional culverts in area wetlands to control their runoff elevations if the channel starts to erode.

**Project No. 57, Moorhead I-94 Flood Control.** Blayne Benedict called regarding the status of the road ditch cleanout project in Section 24, Moorhead Township. The phone lines have been moved. The City of Moorhead was going to negotiate a payment or reduced rent for the landowners that will be affected by the work. Albright suggested that we should set up meeting with the City and the landowners to get the work done. The survey has been completed, and the alignment is set. Benedict feels the work has to be done this fall.

**Project No. 56 Manston Slough Restoration.** The office received a letter from the LOHC, thanking Albright for his presentation regarding our projects during their 5/27/10 tour. The office still plans to complete work on the project easements as soon as possible.

**Project No. 50, Cromwell Township.** The Appraisers started their work last week, and they plan to meet again on 7/08/10. They are also working on the City of Hawley EDA Diversion redetermination of benefits. Jones presented the results of the recent H.E. survey, and the Board reviewed the maps. It appears that because of the land elevations, we won't be able to dewater "Cemetery Road" completely, which could affect the amount of benefits the project could provide to that area. There will still be about 1' of water over the road. The group had an extended discussion regarding project design and alignment. The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has determined that they have no jurisdiction. The USFWS has an easement on part of the area wetlands. Scott Kahan, USFWS, is willing to work with the BRRWD to issue a permit to operate the project for 30 days. Albright suggested that we discuss the project limitations regarding their road with the Township.

Albright contacted Pat Lynch, Financial Coordinator, DNR Waters, a few weeks ago regarding 50% FDR funding for this proposed project. Lynch has not yet responded. Albright plans to try to reach him again tomorrow. The Board discussed project funding and a possible 25% BRRWD contribution to the project. Robert Merritt, Area Hydrologist, DNR, has already conducted a review of the area. By next meeting, we should have better information regarding possible project funding.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** The DNR has forwarded Amendment No. 2 to Grant No. B29923 for \$4 million to continue project development. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize Ellefson to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Board. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

Albright reported that we have already bought out 52 properties. We only have four left for this year with two possible buyouts in 2011. The Board discussed the details of the recent buyout transactions. The easement acquisition process is progressing. The contractors for Phases 1A and 3B are ready to start as soon as possible. The COE is still working on their wetland site review. Mike Michlovic, Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), plans to conduct an archeological investigation in the near future, as requested by the COE. The contractors are ready to start construction, as soon as the archaeological survey is completed, and the wetland permits are issued.

The Board discussed the possible sale of the Streifel house. Randy and Diane Hasse made a number of offers on the house, with the provision that the BRRWD purchase their house, which we don't need for the project. Melvin Makela plans to make an offer on the house tomorrow. We need the Makela lot on the south side of Wall ST for Phase 3B construction. Albright explained that we could purchase Makela's house, and then sell the Streifel house to Makela. **Motion** by Hanson to accept Makela's offer of \$110,000 for the Streifel house, and the BRRWD will pay the specials. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes.** Albright explained that due to the heavy workload, Jerry Bents, H.E., has taken over the ringdike work from Opsahl. We plan to open bids for three Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) sites on 7/01/10. We also have six potential non-EQIP dikes under development.

**Project No. 32, Hawley EDA.** Jones is trying to set up a meeting with all affected parties regarding the deteriorated 60" dia. corrugated pipe. Hancock Concrete Products, Inc., has indicated that due to a heavy workload, they won't be able to meet until the last week in July.

**Project No. 29, Buffalo River Logjams.** The contractors who are working on Project No. 64, LaBelle/Boyer Lakes (American Enterprises and H&S Contracting, Inc.) were also awarded the contract for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) logjam removal. As soon as they finish the LaBelle/Boyer project, they will start on the logjams, weather and water levels permitting.

**Project No. 24, Wilkin County Ditch No. 44.** The Board discussed environmental concerns expressed by several agencies regarding the ditch cleanout along The Nature Conservancy (TNC) property in the NW¼, Section 12, Manston Township. The Board feels obligated to strike a compromise between environmental concerns regarding the channel and adequate drainage for ditch system landowner, including the environmental damages caused by water breaking out of the ditch and causing downstream erosion.

**Project No. 48, Clay County Ditch No. 59.** Ronnie Tang contacted the office regarding his request for the BRRWD to investigate the condition of County Ditch No. 59 from the outlet culvert on the Buffalo River to 40<sup>th</sup> ST N and if necessary, complete the necessary repairs.

**Mediation Project Team (PT).** Paul Wannarka, Red River Basin Coordinator, DNR, recently informed Albright that the BRRWD needed to submit a pay request for our PT and alternative analysis expenses for Fiscal Year 2010 (7/01/09-6/30/10). We had not received any prior notice regarding this funding request. The total possible reimbursement for 2010 is \$15,000 per PT. Wannarka gave the BRRWD a PT manual for the office, and he will also forward copies for each of our PT members, including the BRRWD Managers. VanAmburg said that there could be surplus money left in the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (RRBFDRWG) budget that might be allocated to Watershed Districts for PT expenses over the noted limit.

**COE Metro Flood Study.** The next meeting of the Metro Task Force is scheduled for 7/07/10. Representatives from the Task Force are in Washington to testify regarding the proposed diversion.

**Pelican River Pheasants Forever (PF).** Pete Waller letter sent a request for a \$5,200 contribution from the BRRWD to purchase the Eldon Thompson Preserve. Manager Nelson had concerns about the contribution in light of our budget constraints. With the purchase of the tract, the CRP acreage won't be converted to cropland. The Board supports PF's efforts, but felt we have contributed to wildlife habitat through several of our projects and thought it would be best to concentrate our efforts on our current local projects. Albright forwarded Waller the names of a few local sportsmen's clubs who might be interested in participating in the reserve purchase.

**Wilkin County Ditch No. 40/Lawndale Trout Stream.** Ellefson owns land adjacent to the DNR's Stream restoration project, which is assessed to the County Ditch No. 40. He discussed the easement that DNR wants to acquire from him for his personal property. He wanted to be sure that he didn't give up any rights that could curtail the BRRWD's ditch system autonomy. Mark Yaggie has indicated that he no longer has any issues regarding the project.

The Board discussed the Order approving the Lawndale Trout Stream Restoration and the DNR permit application for the ditch diversion. In accordance with the grant, the office has billed the DNR for Yaggie's irrigation work. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve the Order and permit application. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)-Long Term Flood Solutions (LTFS).** The Board authorized H.E. to investigate potential retention sites in the BRRWD in association with the LTFS. Jones discussed one potential site they have identified that could yield approximately 5,600 acre-feet of storage.

**Ken Hodnefield NRCS Buyout.** Hodnefield has expressed concerns regarding the buyout process timeline. Albright recommended that the Board authorize H.E. to prepare demolition specifications for Hodnefield's house and an inspection for hazardous materials. The deadline for utilizing the NRCS EWP funding is 9/10/10. H.E. will solicit bids for the demolition work, which could include one house in Georgetown and one in Oakport. **Motion** by Nelson to have H.E. prepare the noted demolition specifications, and solicit bids for the work. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Social Indicators Survey.** The Board discussed concerns about the progress of the work on the Social Indicators Survey. Work has been delayed by repeated survey revisions by the MPCA and mailing list preparation delays at the University of Minnesota.

**Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).** The Wilkin SWCD forwarded a request for the BRRWD to contribute \$2,250 as a 5% grant match for Craig Lingen's position with the SWCD. A grant is available for funding assistance through the Farm Bill. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve the referenced contribution. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**River Watch.** Albright reported that the Barnesville High School Board approved the revised 2010-2011 River Watch contract at their meeting on 6/21/2010.

**Water Management Summit.** The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the Minnesota Association of SWCDs will hold a conference regarding water management in St. Cloud on Monday, July 12, 2010 at the Kelly Inn. Albright, VanAmburg, and Paradeis Kobiela might be able to attend.

**09-131, Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District/USFWS.** Last year, the USFWS submitted a permit to restore a wetland on Becker County Ditch No. 5 in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, Audubon Township, Becker County. They now have all the easements signed, which clears the way for the BRRWD to hold a ditch system hearing in accordance with Drainage Law (M.S.A. 103E.227). Jones discussed possibly changing the project design to use sheet piling instead of an earthen spillway. As soon as Jones files his report regarding the proposed change, the BRRWD will schedule a hearing.

**Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP).** BWSR approved the RWMP on 6/23/10. The office will prepare a final billing to BWSR.

**Seabold Lake.** Hanson asked if anyone knew the runoff elevation or Ordinary High Water elevation of Seabold Lake. Jones agreed to check with the DNR regarding this question. The lake is located in Section 29, Hamden Township, Becker County, and has been experiencing highwater problems.

**MAWD Summer Tour.** Managers Nelson, Hanson, and VanAmburg discussed their attendance at the Summer Tour. Nelson noted that the overall attendance was down from last year.

**The following bills were presented for approval:**

<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Barnesville Phone Co.	6/25/10 billings (2)	Admin	\$ 167.30
Bruce E. Albright	6/22/10 Appraisers' dinner	Pj. Nos. 32/50	\$ 38.64
Clay County Auditor	Becker Co. bond sale collections	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 211.74
Dave Yaggie	Well/irrigation cost share	Wilkin C.D. 40	\$ 45,000.00
H&S Contracting, Inc.	#2010-00117, riprap	Pj. 20, Clay 12	\$ 5,200.90
H&S Contracting, Inc.	#2010-00131, ditch repair	Becker C.D. No. 9	\$ 7,950.00
H&S Contracting, Inc.	#2010-00132, gauging station	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 645.00
HCI Contractors, Inc.	#10065, Seeding	Clay 49/63/68	\$ 8,100.00
J&J Braton Properties, LLC	July 2010 office rent	Admin	\$ 540.00
Joel Carlson	July 2010 Lobbyist fees	Admin	\$ 850.00
Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	#165457, culverts	Pj. 24, Wilkin 44	\$ 11,423.87
MASWCD	Water Management Summit reg.(1)	Admin	\$ 35.00
Midwest Testing Laboratory	#40138, test granular bedding	Pj. 64, LaBelle/Boyer	\$ 210.00
Moorhead Public Service	5/04/10-6/01/10 service (4)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 404.60
Northern Technologies, Inc.	#4034, Hodnefield study	EWP/NRCS	\$ 9,770.20
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, etc.	Admin	\$ 200.00
Quill	#6151963, envelopes/labels	Social Survey/TMDL	\$ 246.48
Red River Valley Coop	5/10/10-6/12/10 service (7)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 389.69
RMB Environmental Lab	#118473, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 45.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#118787, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 81.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#119234, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 475.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#123270, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 315.50
RMB Environmental Lab	#123490, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 171.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#123500, River Watch	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 13.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#123516, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 242.50
RMB Environmental Lab	#124001, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 13.00
RMB Environmental Lab	#124477, BRIWM-S	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 250.00
Sherbrooke Turf	#215, streambank seeding	Buffalo River Restorations	\$ 3,981.00
Tim Fischer	Easement/trees	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 68,525.00
TRN Abstract & Title	#6188891, abstract update	Hodnefield EWP	\$ 93.00
Vogel Law Firm	#36742, new building	Admin	\$ 140.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating, Inc.	#49, seeding	Pj. 30/Wilkin 41	\$ 2,086.00
Xcel Energy	3-phase line to Phase 3A pond	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 91,700.00
			<b>\$ 259,514.42</b>

**Motion** by Nelson. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Next Meeting.** The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010, in the Barnesville office at 8:00 PM.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary