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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING

April 8, 2013

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were, Gerald L. Van Amburg, Breanna L. Paradeis Kobiela, Roger G. Ellefson, Curtis M. Nelson, John E. Hanson, Troy E. Larson, and Peter V. Fjestad. BRRWD Staff attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, and Erik Jones, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); Mona Barker, BRRWD Administrative Assistant; and landowner, Lee Gray.

Chairman Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 1/14/13 annual meeting and for the 1/31/13 Watershed District Enlargement Hearing. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the minutes. **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. We have received \$134,125.58 since the 3/11/13 meeting. Albright has billed the City of Moorhead for Project No. 71, 50th AVE S, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Manston Slough, and the Red River Water Management Board (RRWMB) for Mediation Project Team expenses. Albright has also discussed a bond sale with Clay County but has not yet spoken with Carolyn Drude, Ehlers & Associates, Inc. The Midwest Bank line of credit will be used to cover payment of tonight's bills. **Motion** by Paradeis Kobiela to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Business brought before the Board included:

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. Lee Gray requested an extension to move a house in Oakport Township that he purchased in the fall of 2011. The move was supposed to be completed by 11/01/11; however there were numerous delays, including receipt of the building permit from the County. Gray has now received the permit for the new location. **Motion** by Nelson to extend the deadline to 6/01/13. **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-01, Bruce Nelson. Applicant proposes to install 120 acres of tiling in the NW¹/₄, Section 16, Atherton Township, Wilkin County. The site has a small parcel of native prairie and wetlands. The project will outlet north to an unnamed waterway via a lift station. Nelson is working with Wilkin Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding a possible Conservation Drainage plan. **Tabled**, pending Manager field review and NRCS review of the wetland/prairie issues.

Permit No. 13-02, Matthew Hasbargen. Applicant proposes to install 160 acres of pattern tiling in the SW¹/₄, Section 21, Sunnyside Township, Wilkin County. Part of the project is in the BRRWD and part is in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BDSWD). **Tabled**, pending further investigation.

Permit No. 13-15 KTM Farm. Applicant proposes 155 acres of pattern tiling in the SW¹/₄, Section 9, Andrea Township, Wilkin County, outletting directly into County Ditch (C.D.) No. 31. **Motion** by Hanson

to approved Permit No. 13-15, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and road authority approval. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-16 KTM Farm. Applicant proposes 550 acres of pattern tiling in Section 31, Andrea Township, Wilkin County, outletting directly into C.D. No. 37 on the north side of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No 210. The property is assessed to drain into that system. **Motion** by Larson to approve Permit No. 13-16, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and road authority approval. **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-19 Jim Blaufuss. Applicant proposes 320 acres of pattern tiling in the S½, Section 8, Sunnyside Township, Wilkin County, to drain directly into the Otter Tail River. **Tabled,** pending field review by Manager Larson.

Permit No. 13-20 Alden Paul Brendemuhl, Jr. Applicant proposes 294 acres of pattern tiling in the W½, Section 33, Riverton Township, Clay County. Albright said if the water goes north, it will have to drain one mile in the east ditch of T.H. No. 9 before entering C.D. No. 12, to which it is assessed. Most likely, it will drain west in the ditches along County Road (C.R.) No. 12 where it needs to flow approximately 2.5 miles and multiple landowners before entering C.D. No. 12. Albright thought this might be a case where the applicant needs to get permission from his downstream neighbors. **Tabled,** pending Manager field review.

Permit No. 13-21, Shawn and Jesse Norman. Applicant proposes 90 acres of pattern tiling in the NE¼ west of T.H. No. 9, Section 29, Manston Township, Wilkin County. **Tabled.** Albright said this work is being done because of Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. The office is still working with Normans on their project easement option.

Permit No. 13-22, Tom Radig. Applicant proposes 136 acres of pattern tiling in the NW¼, Section 22, Connelly Township, Wilkin County. The water will drain directly into C.D. No. 31, for which it is assessed. **Motion** by Larson to approve Permit No. 13-22, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-23, Sam's Real Estate Business Trust. Applicant proposes to construct a 141,235 square feet (sq. ft.) wholesale membership club building, including associated parking, landscaping, and fuel station at the southeast corner of 24th AVE and 26th ST in Moorhead, on 18.56 acres with onsite detention ponds. Jones has reviewed the application and recommends approval. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 13-23. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-25, Mark Ekre. Applicant proposes 80 acres of pattern tiling in the S½, NW¼, Section 31, Hawley Township, Clay County. The water will drain west onto property owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC). **Tabled,** pending Manager field review.

Permit No. 13-26, Clay County Highway Dept. Applicant proposes to replace an existing bridge with one line of 12' x 9' reinforced concrete box pipe with a waterway area of 106 sq. ft. on County Ditch No. 58 between Sections 10 and 11, Elmwood Township, to provide a crossing for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 17. Jones has reviewed the application and recommends approval. **Motion** by Larson to approve Permit No. 13-26. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-27, Clay County Highway Dept. Applicant proposes to salvage/reinstall culverts in seven driveways and regrade 0.5 miles of ditch along the west side of CSAH No. 17 in the NE¼,

Section 22, Glyndon Township. Jones has reviewed the application and recommends approval. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-27. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-30, Kevin and Brad Nelson. Applicant proposes 480 acres of pattern tiling in Section 26, Oakport Township, Clay County. **Tabled** pending Manager field review. Albright said there are no legal drainage systems in this area. We will want to document the path of the water. The water will eventually end up in the Red River of the North.

Permit No. 13-32, City of Moorhead. Applicant proposes development of Horizon Shores 6th Addition, in the SE1/4, Section 15, Moorhead Township, Clay County, including streets, sidewalks, water main, and sanitary/storm sewer, which will direct runoff into existing detention ponds. Jones has reviewed and recommends approval. **Motion** by Ellefson to approve Permit No. 13-32. **Seconded** Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-33, Clay County Highway Department. Applicant proposes to replace an existing bridge on County Ditch (C.D.) No. 65 in the NW1/4, Section 6, Spring Prairie Township, located in CSAH No. 19, north of Averill. Jones has completed a review of the application. The bridge will be replaced with one line of 12' x 5' Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (RBC) having a waterway area of 58 sq. ft. The recommended structure is consistent with the upstream and downstream structures. Jones recommends approval. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-33. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-34, David Stock. Applicant proposes to install dual-wall tile in a natural drainage way in Sections 35 and 36, Carlisle Township, Otter Tail County. Fjestad said the tile will handle drainage from the Fergus Falls airport. **Motion** by Ellefson to approve Permit No. 13-34 subject to field review by Manager Fjestad. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Akron Township. Concerns pertaining to a culvert that was installed a number of years ago by the Wilkin County Highway Department in C.R. No. 169 (290th AVE) between Sections 5 and 6 were discussed. Allegedly, the County installed a larger pipe after the road washed out during a flood. The pipe is now bigger than downstream culverts. Last fall, the NRCS completed a Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) project on the upstream land. This will change area drainage/outflow characteristics. The downstream landowner would like to see the County remove the larger pipe and replace it with the original sized culvert or the downstream culverts need to be made larger. The Board also discussed ditch maintenance issues of Wilkin C.D. No. 6A. **Tabled** pending field review and contact with the Wilkin County Highway Department.

Project No. 75, Wilkin County Ditch No. 31-Lateral. The Board acknowledged receipt of a petition and bond for the development of a lateral to Wilkin C.D. No. 31. Tami Norgard, Attorney Vogel Law Firm, has reviewed the petition, Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103E.238, and states it is valid though the petitioner does need to resubmit the petition with his printed name and signature. The project is located in Section 14, Connelly Township. The intent of the project is to direct water south along the east side of T.H. No. 9 into C.D. No. 31. Landowners in the area feel the natural waterway to the west, Whisky Creek, is plugged and the DNR will not allow them to clean the channel. The next step in the process will be the development of the preliminary Engineer's Report, which was authorized by the Board on 3/25/13 in accordance with M.S.A. 103E.245. The eastern boundary of the new watershed district area should be established within the next few months. Ellefson questioned if the project was in the new watershed area. Albright has also spoken with Julie Aadland, DNR. A meeting will be scheduled with the DNR about the project.

Project No. 74, Clay County Ditch No. 51-Lateral. Robert Norby has filed an appeal of the preliminary project order made on August 27, 2012. His attorney, Zenas Baer, has requested a large amount of information. Baer will schedule a time to come to the BRRWD office to listen to the hearing recording and

review the requested information/documentation. The Board reviewed a letter from BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm. A wetland determination by NRCS is still pending on the Minch property in Section 28, Kragnes Township, Clay County. The Board discussed alternate project alignments. Attorney Baer has suggested a change in the BRRWD's preliminary hearing Order's language that states Mr. Norby constructed illegal dikes. Attorney Norgard will review feasibility of changing the order. Albright updated the Board on the request for information from Attorney Baer and the Data Practice Policy of the BRRWD. Barb Nash, Paralegal Vogel Law Firm, was in the office to review information for client/attorney confidentiality. Norgard argues that no project exists; therefore, there is nothing to appeal. The Board will be updated at the 5/13/13 meeting.

Project No. 71, City of Moorhead/50th AVE Flood Control. The hearing was held March 12, 2013 and the order made on March 25, 2013. The City is anxious to keep the project moving forward. The bid opening will be held May 8, 2013 at 10:30 AM in the Fargo H.E. office. Following the opening, the bids will be reviewed, tabulated, and an award recommendation will be brought to the 5/13/13 BRRWD meeting. The local share of the project costs could be eligible for bond sale.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Albright updated the Board on the remaining easement options. The continuation hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the BRRWD office. The hearing process was started on 05/21/12. The Board would like to have this project out for bids by mid-May 2013. A meeting was held with Vogel Law Firm on 2/14/13 to discuss title opinions and condemnation proceedings, if needed.

Landowners with permanent right-of-way (r-o-w) requested a higher per acre value because of recent area land sales. At the 3/25/13 meeting, the Board increased their offer from \$4,000 per acre to \$5,000 per acre. Affected landowners will be contacted, and the change will be applicable to all landowners with permanent r-o-w.

Construction plans and specifications have been completed and will be forwarded to the DNR, Al Kean, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for agency review. An updated project cost estimate is not yet available.

The Board discussed the permanent r-o-w that is needed on the Briks' property and the purchase of Wetlands Conservation Act (WCA) credits in Elkton Township, Clay County from the BRRWD. The option could be worded to allow purchase of credits after the BRRWD purchase of the Manston r-o-w. The Board continued discussions on the wetland credit program and the associated costs. The credits held by the BRRWD are very valuable. **Motion** by Hanson to include language in the option for possible future use of wetland credits. **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved.**

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. The BRRWD needs approximately \$5.62 million to complete Phase 4 and to pay off the balance currently owed us. The best possibilities for funding could be that the DNR gives us enough money to complete the project in the next 2 years (2013/2014). A project status update from Kris Carlson, Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) was reviewed. The levee certification for Brentwood/Rolyn Acres Subdivisions has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their approval. A final walk-through will be conducted with the contractor on Phase 3C this spring when conditions permit. Final payment can be made after the review. Seeding on the project's wetland mitigation sites will take place this summer by Harlen Hendrickson, Cro's Custom Services. Kent Lokkesmoe, DNR, has requested a final payoff amount for the eligible costs incurred to date for which we have not been reimbursed. Albright will forward the detail.

Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee Improvements. The contractor finished Phase 1 of the project last fall on the east side of T.H. No. 75. He intends to complete work on the west side of T.H. No. 75 this

spring as soon as conditions permit. Equipment and materials may be placed onsite this week. Albright updated the Board on the easements left to obtain. Part of the work includes moving several houses. Environmental inspections will be done on houses that are scheduled for demolition. The Herman Clark property has closed. Setting the dike back to exclude the Floberg property from the need for an easement has been requested by Albright and H.E. is looking into the possibility. Albright met with Representatives from the City of Georgetown on 3/27/13 to discuss possible spring flood preparations. They also wanted an update on the levee improvement project. Officials in Georgetown have requested that the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) check current elevations of the existing levee in preparation for the spring flood. Officials want to be prepared if temporary diking is needed this spring.

Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek Levees. Aaron Carr has requested an additional culvert. Carr has been in the office several times to complain about water currently draining through his yard in the northwest corner of Section 30, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. It was determined that an upstream culvert was not functioning properly. Jeff Nichols, using a backhoe, was able to expose the culvert, remove snow and ice from the ditch channel, and replace the flap gate. The problem was resolved.

Project No. 19, Becker County Ditch No. 21. Jerry Matter has requested to install a crossing or relocate the ditch to gain access to a piece of property he owns on the west side of the ditch in the SE¹/₄, Section 10, Riceville Township. The area is currently in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) but will be removed later this year. Albright will contact Manager Hanson to conduct a field review later this spring.

Mediation Project Team (PT). The next PT meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5/23/13 at 7:00 PM in the BRRWD office. For the summer, we will be meeting in the evenings rather than during the day.

Watershed District Enlargement. The watershed district enlargement hearing was held on 1/31/13 in Rothsay and focused mainly on the eastern boundary. Maps will be reviewed to determine the new legal eastern boundary. The Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP) process for the added areas in Wilkin and Otter Tail Counties needs to begin. Citizen and technical advisory committees will be formed. Several concerns were noted at the 01/31/13 hearing, which was recessed. Albright and Fjestad will field visit the area when conditions permit to verify questions and concerns. Albright met with and updated West Otter Tail County Township Supervisors on 03/21/13 in Underwood, MN.

Albright has spoken with Jon Roeschlein, Administrator Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BDSWD), who is also working on boundary concerns along our southern boundary. Maps were given to the BRRWD for review. Descriptions of new properties within the BRRWD must be submitted to the Secretary of State for taxation. Determining the correct southern boundary at this time would be beneficial.

Army Corps of Engineers Fargo-Moorhead Diversion. A Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill has cleared a Senate Committee hearing and the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Project is named in the bill. The bill will go to the full Senate in April or May and then to the House. The project is not currently authorized for federal funding.

The next meeting of the Diversion Authority is April 25, 2013.

Becker C.D. No. 19. The Board discussed concerns relating to a 2013 assessment. In 2008, the Board ordered a redetermination of benefits. Albright expected that the redetermination hearing could be held in early June 2013. Drainage Law requires that any costs incurred before the date of the redetermination must be paid by the existing benefit area.

Clay County Ditch Nos. 9, 32, and 33 Redeterminations. The office received a BWSR grant for \$333,590 to assist with the buffer strip establishment and the installation of side inlets, which will help

control erosion. The process will be handled in accordance with M.S.A. 103E.021. The BRRWD would like to stake the required R/W prior to spring planting so the work can be completed as soon as conditions permit this spring. If we miss this opportunity, the work will need to be delayed one year. The BRRWD has received 50% of the funding from BWSR for the approved Clean Water Fund (CWF) grant. Project expenses are now eligible and the r-o-w hearings can be held (M.S.A. 103E.021, Subd. 6). Authorized r-o-w payments and staking can be completed before field work begins so the project could be completed this year. Jones said the recordable description certificates for the ditches will soon be finished. The hearing for the installation of one-rod grassed buffer strips and side inlet controls will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the 1st Floor Moorhead City Hall Council Chambers. Affected landowners will be mailed notice.

Conservation Day SWCD Project. Landowners on the South Branch of the Buffalo River and Whisky Creek project areas were invited to the BRRWD office on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM for Conservation Day. It was also open to the public. Approximately 30 people attended. The focus was on conservation information and promoted the use of Best Management Practices.

Clay County Ditch No. 58. A landowner request has been filed to have the Interstate 94 (I-94) ditch cleaned in Section 12, Elmwood Township. There have been similar issues in the past. Albright commented on possibly making the I-94 ditch a legal lateral. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) would need to agree and significant expenses could be incurred in the preliminary work. If neighboring landowners could agree to maintain the ditch, each would receive a bill when spraying and cleaning is necessary. Jones noted it was important to explain to MnDOT that the goal is to maintain not improve drainage.

Clay County Request for RRWMB Meeting. No plans have been made to meet with the RRWMB. The meeting would be open to public and could be held at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). Invitations would be sent to County Commissioners, local, state, and federal legislators. An agenda needs to be developed, a facilitator hired, and a press release prepared to announce the meeting details. As a starting point for discussion, a joint meeting could be held with the RRWMB prior to a public meeting.

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWCP). This water quality program application will be in partnership with the SWCDs who support the BRRWD in this regard. If selected, approximately \$1 million could be available in funding as well as technical assistance for design work. A majority of the work load will be on the SWCDs. To date, we have not received a response on our application, which was submitted on 03/01/13.

Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee CWF. The BWSR grant deadline was extended to 12/31/13. Jones is working with the DNR on design details for the channel geometry. At some point, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) will need to be prepared.

Buffalo River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). A meeting was held in the Barnesville office on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 with the BRRWD, H.E., and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Two TMDL projects exist, one for rivers and the other for lakes. The TMDL information is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Chicago for review. The Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP) plan refers to the strategies and implementation on a local level. The draft document is to be completed by the first of the year for review and comment.

Upper Red River WRAP. A conference call with Stephannie Johnson and SWCD personnel is scheduled for 04/15/13 at 1:00 to discuss Surface Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) modeling and practical best management practices (bmps). Discussions will also include the Buffalo River.

Conservation Drainage. Albright has received calls of interest, but has not put information packets together. He explained the process and cost share benefits. Van Amburg suggested announcing the availability of the program by advertising in local newspapers.

The Board discussed the status of their BWSR Targeted Water Management Drainage Grant, which was obtained earlier this year for \$70,000 to assist landowners with tiling projects with outlet controls. The first step starts with the development of an NRCS Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) 130 Drainage Water Management Plan (DWMP). The grant will pay up to 75% of the cost or a maximum of \$2,000 for the plan. If a landowner is interested, and based on the plan recommendations, the next step would be to look at eligible conservation practices, which include stop log structures and in-line water controls. If the eligible conservation practices are installed, the landowner could then sign up for Drainage Water Management Operation, which would provide incentive payments at the rate of \$7.58/acre for up to three years with a maximum of 300 acres per cooperator. The Board wants all operators within the BRRWD to be aware of the program. Van Amburg said that if the BRRWD spends this money, he thought there might be additional funds available through BWSR to continue the program.

New Office. The Board reviewed another window treatment quote from Northwest Blinds, Inc. and discussed style options. It was decided to cover all of the windows at this time and to proceed with the ordering. **Motion** by Nelson to order window treatments through Northwest Blinds, Inc. for the 12 windows in the office. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

Clay C.D. Nos. 11, 36, 40, 49, 60-Record R/W. Erik Jones, H.E., is corresponding with Attorney Norgard. Multiple benefits can be realized by recording the r-o-w. These drainage systems all have the required one-rod grassed buffer strips.

Request for BRRWD Board Room Use. The office received a request from Eric Newell, Stoneridge Software, to use the Board Room for business meetings. The Board discussed a reasonable fee. **Motion** by Fjestad to charge \$100 a day for use of the Board Room. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
AmeriPride Services	rug invoice (2)	Admin	\$ 53.86
Bruce E. Albright	4/05/13 Advisory Committee meal	Admin	\$ 563.83
Bruce E. Albright	Deluxe #2027261268, 250 checks	Admin	\$ 110.52
Bruce E. Albright	Office Max/fire safe	Admin	\$ 359.04
CB & Sons Electric, Inc.	#3704, change light switches	New Office	\$ 300.00
Cooper's Technology Group	4/15/13 billing-office supplies	Admin	\$ 280.80
CRO's Custom	#4200, Seed	Elkton Township Wetland Rest.	\$ 74,180.00
H.E.	March billing summary	varies-see atch.	\$ 123,067.64
Haugen's Landscaping, Inc.	#663, snow removal	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 787.50
IRS	Form 941 2nd Qtr. Deposit	Admin	\$ 227.47
Jason Rick	3/31/13 billing-snow removal	Admin	\$ 500.00
Jerome Flottesmesch	Advisory Committee mileage	Admin	\$ 50.85
John Boen	Advisory Committee mileage	Admin	\$ 16.95
Linda M. Thomas	Easement Option	Pj. 56, Manston Slough	\$ 100.00
MN Dept. of Revenue	2nd Qtr. State Withholding Deposit	Admin	\$ 36.00
Payroll Professionals	Barker Payroll Preparation	Admin	\$ 40.53
PERA	4/08/13 EFT Payment-Barker	Admin	\$ 148.50
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, etc.	Admin	\$ 200.00
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-03-13, water	Admin	\$ 32.47

Ramona L. Barker	Payroll voucher 3/24/13-4/06/13	Varies	\$ 851.93
Todd Klein	Easement Option	Pj. 56, Manston Slough	\$ 100.00
UEI	#36379, thru 3/31/13, Phase 3	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 169.00
UEI	#36381, thru 3/31/13, Phase 4	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 544.00
UEI	#36382, thru 3/31/13, levee cert.	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 11,262.92
Valley Fresh Bakery	Conservation Day cookies/donuts	Upper SB/Whisky Crk Erosion	\$ 64.00
Vogel Law Firm	#103884, February billing-Kenneth Johnson	Admin	\$ 299.50
Wayne Brendemuhl	Advisory Committee mileage	Admin	\$ 20.34
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#132, Aaron Carr repairs	Pj. 31, Deerhorn	\$ 797.00
WREC	02/19/13-03/19/13 service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 58.11
Xcel Energy	02/23/13-03/25/13 billings (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 87.83
			\$ 215,310.59

Motion by Hanson to approve payment of the bills, subject to fund availability. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Manager Name Tags. Van Amburg has proposed magnetic name tags for the Managers. He estimates \$11-\$15 per name tag. Van Amburg will investigate and report back to the Board.

2013 Spring Flood. Jones commented on the Sabin Coulee high water marks and the need to gather more information. Albright asked about closing Stony Creek and Stinking Lake. Jones said local conditions, predictions for precipitation and temperature, and the response of area rivers are all considered in making the determinations as to when and how the structures are operated.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment. Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 10: 00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary