

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

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## **MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING**

**June 10, 2013**

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, Roger G. Ellefson, Curtis M. Nelson, Breanna L. Paradeis Kobiela, Troy E. Larson, John E. Hanson, and Peter V. Fjestad. BRRWD Staff attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Erik S. Jones, Engineer, and Julie Jerger, Resident Secretary, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); representatives from Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. and R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., Gary Landsem, Stakke Lake Association, and landowners John and Cathy Posch.

Chairman Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. He announced that the proceedings were being recorded to aid in preparation of the minutes.

At 7:12 PM, Erik Jones, H.E., announced that receipt of bids was closed for Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. The Engineer's estimated project construction cost was \$2,270,109.

Jones opened the bids and read the results.

<b>CONTRACTORS</b>	<b>TOTAL BASE BID</b>
Gladen Construction, Inc. LaPorte, MN	\$2,479,442.45
R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. East Grand Forks, MN	\$3,411,113.00
Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. Morris, MN	\$3,750,141.48
Davidson Construction, Inc. New Folden, MN	\$4,065,841.50
Sellin Brothers, Inc. Hawley, MN	\$4,101,464.50

Gladen Construction, Inc. is the apparent low bidder at \$2,479,442.45. Van Amburg thanked the contractors for their interest in our project. The Board discussed the bid results, which all came in higher than the Engineer's estimate. By law, the Board can't accept bids over 30% of the Engineer's estimate. Gladen's bid is approximately 9% over. Jones thought that the contractors might have had concerns about the wet site conditions. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Jones to tabulate the bids and provide a recommendation for the 6/24/13 BRRWD meeting. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved**.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed 8/21/12 draft minutes for Project No. 72, Wilkin County Ditch No. 22-Lateral No. 3, hearing continuation. **Motion** by Hanson to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved**. Fjestad abstained.

**Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet.** The Board discussed the Turtle Lake Association informational meeting held on June 8, 2013. Bruce Albright and Manager Hanson attended. The landowners are interested in a redetermination of benefits to pay for maintenance costs. Ellefson suggested that costs could

be reduced if local volunteers could be trained to do regular siphon maintenance. Hanson reported that the consensus of the homeowners preferred that Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., should continue to handle the maintenance/operation of the siphons, but volunteers could be trained to take lake elevation readings, etc. **Motion** by Hanson to redetermine benefits for Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.** The homeowners are aware that the current project account balance will still be assessed according to the original Appraisers' Report.

**Stakke Lake Control Structure.** A representative from the Stakke Lake Association, Gary Landsem, requested that the BRRWD consider assisting the property owners on Stakke Lake to find a solution to the fluctuating lake elevation. Hanson suggested that the BRRWD schedule a landowner informational meeting to discuss a possible project. Landsem estimated that there are approximately 30 homeowners around the lake. He described the lake elevation profile. He thought that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) might have an easement on part of the area. Jones explained that he had discussed this issue with Emily Siira, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and she mentioned that the DNR had conducted an Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation study for Stakke Lake a few years ago to investigate a possible runout elevation for the lake. If a project were developed for Stakke Lake, the DNR might require a flowage easement from the property owners around the lake. Jones noted the BRRWD could hold an informational meeting to get a consensus regarding a possible project from the landowners, and as long as all the homeowners are in agreement, a project might be possible. Fjestad asked if any agricultural land might be affected by a higher lake elevation. Landsem wasn't sure if any cropland would be affected. He added that all the landowners who are active in the Lake Association are in favor of a project to regulate the lake's elevation. Using the overhead monitors, Jones displayed a map showing the location and the drainage area of the lake, which is about 5 square miles.

The Board discussed possible funding sources. They were concerned about the fact that the lake doesn't have a public access, which might affect DNR's interest in the project. The Board decided that the DNR should be asked to establish an OHW for Stakke Lake. Jones noted that the lake is on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) impaired waters list for nutrients. He thought that if we included best management practices (bmps) features, such as bufferstrips, to address this issue in the project design, it might improve our chances for grant funding. It could even be developed as a pilot project to show how an impaired lake could be restored. Jones also suggested that the Mediation Project Team (PT) could review the proposal, as this area is in the Hay Creek watershed. A project for the lake could be considered part of the Clean Water Funding (CWF) work the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been doing. **Motion** by Hanson to work with the Stakke Lake Association to schedule a landowner informational meeting to include representatives from the MPCA, DNR, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and USFWS. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Advisory Committee.** The Board discussed the content of the Advisory Committee closed session minutes, as prepared by Recorder Jon Evert, regarding the BRRWD's membership in the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB). Albright explained that the draft minutes were for information only and will be incorporated into a full set of minutes to be reviewed prior to next year's Committee meeting.

**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 \$211,880.22 since the 5/13/13 meeting. The income came primarily from the first half property and ditch/project tax payments from Wilkin (\$156,999.75) and Otter Tail County (\$31,004.78). MPCA forwarded reimbursement for the Buffalo River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study expenses (\$13,533.10). We also received \$10,000 from the Minch Family Partnership to increase their bond to \$40,000 for Project No. 74, Clay County Ditch No. 51-Lateral. The office has billed the DNR for Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee Improvement, expenses on 5/28/13 for \$131,098.24. Albright will be

meeting with Clay County tomorrow to work on the bond sale for a number of projects, totaling approximately \$1.7 million.

The Board discussed various ditch systems with negative account balances, including the Swede Grove Lake project that has a -\$43,000 balance. Albright gave the Board a brief update on the status of the Swede Grove Lake project. Ellefson commented that since the County petitioned for the project, they should pay off the balance, as it appears to be a dead project. The Board discussed contacting Clay County regarding the status of the project and requesting that they pay the outstanding balance since the project is apparently not going forward. **Motion** by Ellefson to terminate the Swede Grove Lake project due to lack of interest and to contact Clay County to pay the project development costs. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved**.

**Motion** by Paradeis Kobiela to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved**.

**Business brought before the Board included:**

**Permit No. 13-58, City of Hawley.** Applicant proposes to construct sanitary sewer, watermains, including street and drainage improvements to serve the proposed Cretex Concrete Products plant for Michael Street South, Lot 2, Block 2, on 80 acres south of the City of Hawley. Jones explained that the City would like to use the area between an adjacent wetland and a nearby farmstead as a storm water regional detention pond. The City has requested that they be allowed to use some of the wetland as a mitigation area for the project by raising the wetland elevation adjacent to the stormwater pond. The Clay SWCD will meet this week to determine if the City can use this area. The project engineer, Moore Engineering, Inc., has indicated that the pond sizing might change on the landscape, but the storage capacity would remain the same. The project will not change peak flows off this site. The stormwater pond will drain east to the west ditch of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 31, eventually flowing into the Buffalo River. Jones recommended permit approval, subject to his final review of the plan. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 13-58, subject to the County's approval to work within their road right-of-way (r-o-w) and Jones' final review of the project plans. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved**.

**Permit No. 13-59, Dallas Miller, Mill Farms.** Applicant proposes to pattern tile 150 acres in the NW¼, Section 5, Western Township, Otter Tail County, outletting via a lift station to the ditch along 160<sup>th</sup> ST for about 0.5 miles and then draining into a grassed waterway. **Motion** by Ellefson to **table** to the application until Manager Fjestad can conduct a field review to determine the adequacy of the outlet. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Tabled**.

**Permit No. 13-60, Ronald Tang.** Applicant proposes to pattern tile 294 acres in the N½, Section 27, Morken Township, Clay County, outletting to Clay County Ditch No. 59 via a lift station consisting of one sump with dual pumps. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has already determined that no wetlands will be impacted by the project. Albright recommended permit approval. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-60, subject to our standard tiling disclaimer. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved**.

**Clayton Runck Drainage Concerns.** The Board has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2013, at 8:15 AM in the BRRWD office to discuss an overall plan for Section 27, Skree Township, Clay County, with Runck and representatives from the affected local, state, and federal agencies, and neighboring landowners.

**Mike Yaggie Erosion Concern.** Yaggie has filed a petition to construct a lateral to Wilkin County Ditch No. 3. The project would address his concerns about erosion on the north side of the township road upstream of Wilkin County Ditch No. 3 in Sections 31/32, Akron Township, which causes water to flow northwest via a natural waterway across his field to County Ditch No. 3. Yaggie is working on obtaining

the \$10,000 bond. The petition was signed by Yaggie and his neighbor, Wayne Fuder. The Board will wait to take action on the petition until the petitioners have submitted the bond.

**Perry Montplaisir Drainage Concern.** The Managers have not yet conducted a field review of Montplaisir's concerns regarding his drainage concerns in Section 18, Kragnes Township, Clay County. Once the field review has been completed, the Board plans to hold an informational meeting with the neighboring landowners, Kragnes Township, and the Clay County Highway Department to discuss Montplaisir's farmstead flooding concerns and the gated culverts he claims his neighbors operate.

**Scott McCaslin Wetland Concern.** Albright reported that the DNR has not yet conducted the OHW survey for the McCaslin wetland, which the Board requested at their 5/28/13 meeting. Albright, Manager Hanson, Ryan Frohling, USFWS, and Emily Siira, DNR, met this spring regarding McCaslin's concerns about the elevation of a wetland on property he rents in Sections 14 and 23, Hamden Township, Becker County. The DNR has agreed to conduct the survey for this wetland, but since there is no public interest, the BRRWD may have to pay for the work.

**Pending Permits.** Larson asked if there were any other pending permits for work scheduled for this spring. Albright briefly discussed the outstanding permits. He explained that we are waiting either for further information from the applicants, or for Manager field reviews. Most of the pending permits are for fall projects.

**Project No. 75, Wilkin County Ditch No. 31-Lateral.** Albright reported that we are waiting for Jones to complete the Preliminary Engineer's Report. Jones plans to contact Julie Aadland, Area Hydrologist, DNR, for initial discussions regarding the proposed project.

**Project No. 74, Clay County Ditch No. 51-Lateral.** As noted in the Treasurer's Report, the Minch Family forwarded a payment to increase the petitioner's bond to \$40,000. To date, there has been no response from the Court regarding our motion to dismiss Robert Norby's appeal of the Board's Preliminary Order for the project.

**Project No. 73, Country Heritage Ditch.** The contractor, Johnson Excavation, is planning to start in the next few days. The staking has been completed. The construction deadline is June 30, 2013.

**Project No. 72, Wilkin County Ditch No. 22-Lateral No. 3.** Contractor Jeff Nichol, William Nichol Excavating, submitted a bill for his work to date for \$19,236. Because of the late spring, he has requested an extension of the 6/01/13 deadline until 6/30/13. He is now working and should be able to finish by the extension date. **Motion** by Ellefson to grant the extension and to approve the pay request, subject to H.E.'s review of the invoice calculations. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Project No. 71, City of Moorhead 50<sup>th</sup> AVE Flood Control.** Albright has requested H.E. calculate a revised project cost estimate to provide an accurate estimate of the local landowner cost share. The construction bid was approximately \$400,000 lower than the Engineer's estimate, which will bring down the landowners' assessment for the project. This project will be included in the BRRWD's bond sale. The preconstruction meeting was held 6/06/13 with the contractor, Gladen Construction, Inc., and the City of Moorhead. Construction should begin around 7/01/13. Albright said the Board needs to sign the construction contracts, which Gladen Construction has already signed. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Board signatures on the contracts. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Project No. 70, Crystal Creek/McCann's Addition.** The Board briefly discussed the development of a possible dike on the north side of McCann's Addition. There is a new owner of the property on the north side of McCann's Addition, which could make a project in this location more feasible. Albright will check

on the identity of the new landowner. Jones noted that the biggest expense for a more comprehensive project along Oakport ST would be buyouts.

**Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration.** The Board discussed the bid results and discussed financing. Gladen Construction, Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$2,479,442.45, which is 9% over the Engineer's estimate. According to Watershed Law, the Board can accept bids up to 30% over the Engineer's estimate. Albright explained the new online bidding process for the BWSR funding. Albright will submit the signed contract for the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LOHC) Conservation Partners Legacy Grants (CPLG) Program funding. The DNR approved the use of this money to acquire the Woolson and C&H Farms easements. Albright discussed the preparations to obtain the landowner easements. Albright has requested that H.E. prepare a revised final project cost estimate now that we have the construction costs, so he can include this project in the bond sale. Albright suggested that we could acquire the easements that are ready to be purchased with the \$350,000 LSOHC funding by the 6/30/13 deadline. The Board discussed possibly rebidding the construction contract. The project completion deadline is June 30, 2014. Jones observed that the bidders could have had concerns about the wet site conditions. In terms of funding, the LOHC funding will be spent by the 6/30/13 deadline by obtaining the referenced easements, and the DNR and BSWR funds are secured. Albright gave a brief report regarding the status of the pending easement options. He noted that there have been discussions with the various agencies regarding arrangements for a ground breaking ceremony.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** The Pierce Family signed the storage easement agreement for the project spoil pile. Fischers have retained legal counsel regarding their storage easement. Greg Anderson, Clay County Buyout Coordinator, has indicated that the Fischers could still be on a buyout list for their farmstead, but they have declined the offer. The Board spent some time discussing the project funding. Albright will submit a 2014 funding request to the State of Minnesota for Oakport in the next few days. The DNR has signed off on the levee certification process for the dike east of the coulee.

Walter Lee Gray has submitted a request for an extension to move the house he purchased from the BRRWD a few years ago. **Motion** by Fjestad to extend Gray's deadline to 7/01/13. **Seconded** by Ellefson. **Approved.** Albright gave a brief report about the status of other building moving issues.

**Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee Improvement.** Clay County wouldn't approve the installation of a new driveway off C.R. No. 34 east of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 75 because of regulations regarding the distance between driveways on a County road. Opsahl has filed an appeal on the BRRWD's behalf, claiming that County rules should not apply to properties within City limits. The hearing is scheduled for 6/18/13 at 5:00 PM before the County Planning Committee.

Reiner Contracting is working on the underground storm sewer. The next phase will be the levee construction, which will include the Michael Greywind and Josh Wambach lots. The houses on these lots need to be moved to new basement foundations. Albright will work with Opsahl to review quotes for the basements and make arrangements to get the houses moved, and the lots cleared for construction.

H.E. submitted Pay Request No. 3 for Reiner Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$70,116.48, and Change Order No. 2 (\$6,580) that increases the project costs by \$6,580. The office will submit a pay request to the DNR tomorrow for reimbursement. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the referenced pay request and change order. **Seconded** by Paradeis Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Project No. 29, Log Jams Removal.** Clay County forwarded a pay request for \$3,418.12 for debris removal on the CSAH No. 2 bridge on the Red River. The BRRWD has agreed to pay 25% of the costs to clear the bridge. **Motion** by Fjestad to pay our 25% share of the costs, as referenced. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 19, Becker County Ditch No. 21.** The office will try to schedule a meeting with landowner Jerry Matter to discuss his drainage concerns.

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. The next meeting will be the fall tour.

**Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Sites.** H.E. is working on the design for the Robert Hovland WRP site. The Board briefly discussed the status of the Farm bill and funding for water retention.

**Watershed District Enlargement.** Albright and Fjestad have more information for Jones so that he can revise the boundary maps. Once the maps are completed and the hearing held, the BRRWD will be able to file the new area properties with the State Auditor, so we can assess the new area next year. The Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP) process needs to be started for the new area, and an update of the current BRRWD's RWMP will also be started.

**Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP).** Albright reported that he and Manager Fjestad attended a recognition ceremony for the BRRWD as one of the four areas chosen as Pilot Projects for a new MAWQCP pilot program designed to enhance water quality in the State. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, along with Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton and Senator Al Franken, addressed the audience. The MAWQCP is designed to accelerate voluntary adoption of agricultural practices to enhance water quality. The pilot project watershed area within the BRRWD is the Whisky Creek watershed in Wilkin County and a small part of Otter Tail County. The Wilkin and Otter Tail County SWCDs will work with the landowners to develop an approved conservation plan to assure they meet water quality goals and standards for up to 10 years. The agencies will assist farmers to locate sites on their property through the use of LiDAR data and to utilize bmps by installing vegetative bufferstrips, water and sediment control structures, and side inlet control structures. The Board had an extended discussion about the ceremony and the new program implementation, which will probably become a nationwide program in the future. Van Amburg congratulated Jones and Stephanie Johnson, H.E., for the BRRWD's selection as one of the pilot areas, as they prepared and submitted the application on behalf of the BRRWD. The Wilkin and Otter Tail County SWCDs wrote letters in support of the BRRWD's application. Jones cited the BRRWD's involvement with the One Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) pilot project and our work with the Social Indicator's Survey, which was part of the TMDL process, as reasons why our application was so competitive.

**Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Fargo-Moorhead Diversion.** Van Amburg noted that the next meeting of the Diversion Committee will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013. Congressmen Collin Peterson and Kevin Kramer met with the upstream coalition. Both Legislators are supporters of increased upstream retention sites.

**Clay County Ditch Nos. 9, 32, and 33 Redetermination.** Albright noted that a couple of landowners asked us to reissue their checks to better reflect actual payment disbursement. Van Amburg commented that he has discussed an appeal with a landowner who has concerns about the offered land values.

**John and Cathy Posch Drainage Concerns.** The Poschs discussed their concerns about a texas crossing installed in a natural waterway in the NE1/4, Section 10, Cromwell Township, Clay County, downstream of their property (19.8 acres). Jones displayed a series of LiDAR aerial images from different years showing how the waterway elevation affected the Posch property after an approach/culvert in the waterway was replaced with a texas crossing. Their neighbor removed the crossing/culvert in violation of a USFWS easement. At the direction of the USFWS, who holds wetland easements on parts of the neighboring property and the Posch property, the neighbor replaced the culvert with a texas crossing in the waterway, which blocked the natural drainage off the Poschs' property and has caused water to back up into their

farmstead, threatening their well, trees, and buildings. Posch feels the inundated area exceeds the USFWS easement acreage on his property. It doesn't appear that the USFWS had a BRRWD permit to order the landowner to do the work. After reviewing the aerial images, Ellefson suggested that the Board should contact the USFWS regarding these concerns. **Motion** by Ellefson to invite the USFWS to a meeting with the Poschs and the other affected landowners to discuss the issue further. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Elkton Township Wetland Restoration.** Jones reported that the wet weather has delayed construction. The old easement documents lacked a wetland banking contingency language in the event that the BRRWD would no longer be in existence, so the Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has asked that we contact the landowners to have them sign revised easements with the additional language required by BWSR.

**Becker County Ditch No. 19.** Jones' initial review of a breakdown of project expenditures between ditch maintenance/repairs and the redetermination proceeding shows that ditch repair costs are about \$10,000, which is pretty close to the 2013 levy (\$11,000). The old benefit area is responsible for those costs. Albright plans to schedule a Viewer meeting in the near future where they will finish the redetermination of benefits.

**Clay County Ditch No. 58.** Landowner Tom Cook has requested that the BRRWD consider a ditch repair on the south side of Interstate-94 (I-94). The area landowners are thinking about filing a petition for a legal lateral to the ditch, which might be problematic, as Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) might not allow a legal lateral ditch in their road r-o-w. Currently the ditch needs to be spayed for cattails/weeds.

**South Branch of the Buffalo River Clean Water Fund (CWF) Project.** The Clay and Wilkin SWCDs will continue to work with the landowners to implement bmps.

**Clay County Ditch No. 21.** Albright noted that the H.E. survey analysis is on file, and the office plans to schedule an informational meeting. The Board levied for the repair work at their 2012 Budget Hearing last fall.

**Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee.** Jones is working with the DNR to finalize flood plain channel/sinuuous pilot channel. A steering committee informational meeting will be held when the channel design is completed.

**Buffalo River TMDL.** The TMDL report will need to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Chicago for review. The draft document is to be completed by the first of the year for review and comment.

**Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Distributed Detention.** Jones is nearly finished with the retention modeling work conducted in conjunction with RRBC in accordance with the 50/50 cost share agreement.

Albright noted that the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (RRBFDRWG) has left over funding for Mediation PT expenses, water quality monitoring, and project development costs. He sent a billing to Naomi Erickson, RRWMB Administrator, for reimbursement for a number of BRRWD eligible expenses. To date, there has been no response from Erickson regarding payment.

**Upper Red River TMDL.** The BRRWD and agency representatives met with the City of Fargo regarding a stretch of the Red River within the City that is impaired for e coli. MPCA is planning to conduct a

bacteria study on the Red River for the Fargo-Moorhead area, which could include the City of Fargo. Possible sources of the bacteria include stormwater infiltration into the river. The modeling work is on hold until MPCA decides which modeling tool they want to use.

**BWSR FY2013 CWF Targeted Drainage Water Management.** Pete Waller, BWSR, informed the BRRWD at our recent PT meeting that the Legislature did not provide 2013 grant funding for this program. The BRRWD has 2012 funding that can be used to cost share outlet control structures on tiling projects. Albright said there has been a great deal of landowner interest in this program.

**New Office.** Van Amburg reported that he met with Architect Margaret Follingstad and Contractor Casey Bristlin last week. The Board discussed the punch list items. Follingstad sent out requests for landscaping bids to three landscaping companies. Jim Hanson Cleaning Service submitted a \$135 bid to wash the office building windows. **Motion** by Nelson to accept the referenced bid from Hanson for \$135. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

**Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Summer Tour.** The summer tour will be held Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21, 2013 in New Ulm. Reservations have been confirmed.

**Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek Levees.** Aaron Carr has asked the BRRWD to consider installing additional culverts for his property along Deerhorn Creek. He would like the Board to conduct a field review to determine sizing/placement. **Tabled.**

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

<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AmeriPride Services	Office rugs/mats (3)	Admin.	\$ 80.79
Clay County Treasurer	CSAH No. 2 Bridge debris 25% share	Pj. 29, Buffalo River Log Jams	\$ 3,418.12
Cooper's Technology	#304652, office supplies	Admin.	\$ 15.92
Dacotah Paper Co.	#40645, office supplies	Admin.	\$ 43.64
H.E.	May 2013 billing summary	Varies-see attached	\$113,388.71
HES, Inc.	Environmental inspect/removals (8)	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 28,490.00
IRS	Federal Form 941-Barker #1020	Admin.	\$ 227.47
MAWD	Summer Tour reservations (5)	Admin.	\$ 940.00
MN DEPT of Revenue	MN State Withholding-Barker #1021	Admin.	\$ 36.00
Payroll Professionals	#50038-6/10/13 Payroll Prep	Admin.	\$ 40.07
PERA	6/10/13 payment-EFT	Admin.	\$ 148.50
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-05-13	Admin.	\$ 40.42
Ramona L. Barker	#50037-Payroll-5/26/13-6/08/13	Varies	\$ 851.93
Reiner Contracting	Pay Request No. 3	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 70,116.48
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#195892, WQ Testing	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 275.00
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#196011, WQ analysis	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 390.00
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#196202, WQ analysis	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 616.00
Sellin Bros., Inc.	#10720, Whaley road repair	Pj. 16, Stinking Lake	\$ 242.25
The Forum	#CL01720121, bid ad	Pj. 56, Manston Slough	\$ 125.48
Trefoil Cultural and Env Heritage	#90, Archaeological testing	Pj. 71, 50th AVE S	\$ 5,803.00
TRN Abstract & Title-Wilkin	Abstract updates (3)	Pj. 56, Manston Slough	\$ 470.00
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	#37447, Phase 3	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 2,000.67
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	#37448, Phase 4	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 3,104.93
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	#37457, Levee Certification	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 4,577.71
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	#37464, Wetland Mitigation	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 1,212.34
Vogel Law Firm	#108587, May billing	Pj. 56, Manston Slough	\$ 1,332.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating, Inc.	Pay Request No. 4	Pj. 72, Wilkin 22-Lat. 3	\$ 19,236.00



WREC	4/19/13-5/10/13 electric service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 86.32
Xcel Energy	4/24/13- 5/26/13 electric service (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 202.83
YHR Partners	#10047, 11/01/12-04/30/13	New Office	\$ 1,300.00
			<b>\$258,812.58</b>

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

**RRWMB Meetings.** According to a request from the Advisory Committee at their meeting this spring, VanAmburg suggested that a Manager attend the monthly RRWMB meetings. Fjestad and Hanson volunteered.

**Tiling Project Permits.** Managers Larson and Fjestad brought up their concerns about unpermitted tiling projects in their area. The Board discussed the issue of tiling in the new enlarged watershed district area and options to disseminate permitting information district-wide.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2013, at 7:30 PM in our Barnesville office.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary