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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING September 9, 2013

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, September 09, 2013, at 7:30 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, Catherine L. Affield, Curtis M. Nelson, Troy E. Larson, and Peter V. Fjestad. BRRWD Staff attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Erik S. Jones, Engineer, Wade Opsahl, Technician, and Julie Jerger, Resident Secretary, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); Brian Berg, Clay County Administrator; Grant Weyland, Clay County Commissioner; Bob Zimmerman, Engineer, City of Moorhead; and landowners Caroline Swenson, Carol Quinnild, Lyle Hovland, Terry Czichotzki, Greg Grommesh, and Joe Wulfekuhle.

Chairman Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He announced that the proceedings were being recorded to aid in preparation of the minutes.

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 \$2,735,895.56 since the 8/12/13 meeting. The income came primarily from the Bond Sale for eight projects: Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee Improvement- \$80,000; Project No. 50, Cromwell Township-\$65,000; Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration-\$1,330,954; Project No. 65, County Line Outlet-\$70,000; Project No. 70, Crystal Creek-\$100,000; Project No. 71, City of Moorhead, 50th AVE S-\$100,000; Project No. 72, Wilkin County Ditch (C.D.) No. 22, Lateral 3 Improvement-\$210,000; and Project No. 73, Country Heritage Ditch Improvement-\$60,000. We also received a \$350,000 reimbursement from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant for Manston Slough Restoration and \$346,846.53 from the City of Moorhead for Project No. 71, City of Moorhead, 50th AVE S. **Motion** by Fjestad to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Greg Grommesh Diking Complaint. The affected landowners attended the last BRRWD meeting, but Grommesh was unable to attend. H.E. completed a survey using LiDAR data to determine the natural ground elevation of the field prior to the dike installation by Grommesh in Section 28, Barnesville Township, Clay County. Grommesh contacted Albright last week, and they discussed options to address the neighboring landowners' concerns about his diking activities. Grommesh also contacted Sharon Lean, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to file a request for wetland delineations, which has not been completed to date. They discussed a NRCS permit for the installation of a ditch with berms and grassed bufferstrips that would go straight across Section 28 to help his property drain properly to C.D. No. 54, to which it is assessed. Grommesh would set an overflow culvert at the natural ground elevation in the existing dike to allow the property from the east to drain in the new ditch across his property. The renter of the neighboring property, Lyle Hovland, thought that the proposal with a 24" dia. culvert installed in the dike was a reasonable option. Albright commented that once NRCS completes their wetland work, Grommesh could apply for a BRRWD permit to install the proposed culvert/ditch. He would also like to widen a field approach off from 140th ST S and enlarge the culvert to facilitate his drainage to C.D. 54. Barnesville Township should be contacted to discuss the culvert in the township road approach.

South Branch of the Buffalo River. Landowners discussed concerns about the need for a project to clean or dike the river channel. Albright discussed a potential larger project with retention features that would

reduce flows at the Clay County line. Terry Czichotzki, who rents Carolyn Swenson's property in the NE¼, Section 6, Manston Township and also farms property in Section 11, Manston Township, Wilkin County, furnished photographs showing erosion and washouts along the river channel that are causing breakouts. Opsahl will conduct a field review of the area to determine what could be done to address the breakout problems. Joe Wulfekuhle asked about the status of the South Branch of the Buffalo River restoration project. Albright discussed the problems with potential stage increases at the Clay County line that could be created by the potential project if retention is not established at the same time as a channel cleanout levees. Some retention sites have already been identified, but landowner cooperation is vital. Czichotzki noted that water will break out of the river channel and travel cross county as far as Wilkin C.D. No. 13.

Swenson was concerned about the degradation of her property's condition and valuation while we take time to develop a more comprehensive project. Albright suggested that individual breakout areas might be fixed in the interim. Albright noted that Wilkin county was declared a disaster area from the flooding this year. There might be funding available for breakout repairs. Wulfekuhle pointed out that area landowners are very interested in reactivating the South Branch project. Albright mentioned that the BRRWD's Mediation Project Team (PT) has this project on their agenda. Opsahl could identify the break out areas with GPS, and possible repairs to the historic dikes along the river could be completed by the landowners. Any work in Section 6, Manston Township, may require a DNR permit, as the river in this area is protected waters.

Fjestad questioned what the BRRWD's role was in helping landowners address breakout damages from the South Branch. Albright commented that individual landowners could file permit applications to fix the problem areas themselves.

Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Joint Powers Agreement. Weyland, Berg, and Zimmerman discussed the Second Amendment to the Limited Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The Managers have had some reservations about signing the most recent version. Van Amburg commented that he feels the Board should be a signer of the JPA to be "at the table" for input on this important project. He noted that this version of the JPA is not significantly different from the last two JPAs the BRRWD has already signed. Van Amburg pointed out that the JPA doesn't commit the BRRWD to any financial obligations.

Weyland explained that the JPA will not include a financial commitment for the BRRWD or the use of the BRRWD's right of condemnation to move the project forward against landowners' wishes. Clay County and the City of Moorhead have already agreed to split the Minnesota share of the costs. Van Amburg noted that the City and the County also have condemnation rights. He encouraged the BRRWD to participate in the JPA, as we are the regional water authority. Berg felt it was very important for the BRRWD to be part of the decision making effort for the F-M Diversion project development. Zimmerman commented that the Diversion project is still in the design phase and will be changing over time. Right now, the Diversion Board is in the process of identifying issues that will require further study. He stressed that the BRRWD needs to be involved in this decision making process. Weyland pointed out that by signing the JPA, the BRRWD is not going on record as supporting the Diversion project.

Larson commented that while the City and the County support the Diversion project, landowners in his area don't support it. Van Amburg commented that the Board needs to be neutral regarding support of the Diversion project because we represent landowners on both sides of the issue. He noted that there have been significant changes in the proposed project plan that will reduce some of the negative upstream impacts. **Motion** by Larson to sign the Second Amendment of the JPA to remain a part of the decision making process with the clarification that by signing this agreement, the BRRWD does not endorse or oppose the Diversion project. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Zimmerman reported on the flood protection efforts that are in development and what is already in place for the City of Moorhead.

Project No. 75, Wilkin C.D. No. 31-Lateral. Joe Wulfekuhle questioned the status of the project in Section 14, Connelly Township, started by landowner petition and bond. Albright discussed DNR concerns that the proposed project to divert water in Section 14 to Wilkin C.D. No. 31, which could impact protected waters by reducing the natural watershed to Whisky Creek. Jones explained his discussions with Julie Aadland, Area Hydrologist, DNR, regarding this issue. The DNR would like to see a more comprehensive project for the Whiskey Creek watershed, including bufferstrips and culverted inlets. Wulfekuhle said the petitioners would be satisfied if they could just clean the natural channel to grade at the crossing on Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9. Jones will present this option to Aadland. An additional survey from Wilkin County would be useful to determine how far downstream the cleanout would need to go on Whisky Creek. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Jones to work with Wilkin County to conduct a survey to provide data for an alternative project to submit to the DNR. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

New Manager. Chairman Van Amburg introduced the new BRRWD Manager Catherine L. Affield from Kent, MN, to the Board of Managers. Affield signed the Oath of Office.

Permit No. 13-20, Alden Paul Brendemuhl, Jr. Applicant proposes 294 acres of pattern tiling in the W½, Section 33, Riverton Township, Clay County. Water will drain west approximately 2.5 miles in the ditches along County Road (C.R.) No. 12 before entering Clay C.D. No. 12. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-20, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and the condition that the pump is turned off during times of downstream flooding. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-38, Dirk Swanson. Applicant proposes to install 117 acres of pattern tiling in the NW¼, west of T.H. No. 75, in Section 21, Kragnes Township, Clay County, outletting to C.D. No. 20. Approximately 37 acres of the tract are not assessed to the ditch system. BRRWD has received a signed petition to add the land to C.D. No. 20. A Public Hearing will be scheduled as is required by Drainage Law to add the land to the ditch system. **Tabled**, pending completion of the Hearing process.

Permit No. 13-73, Butch Lemke. Applicant proposes to replace the existing approach culvert along Clay C.R. No. 21 in Section 32, Elkton Township, Clay County, with a larger culvert. **Tabled**, pending contact with the neighboring landowners.

Permit No. 13-75, Menholt Farms. Applicant proposes to install pattern tiling in parts of Sections 15, 22, 23, 26, and 27, Flowing Township, Clay County, outletting via lift stations and gravity flow with possible outlet control structures. Some of the land in this application is not in the BRRWD. The NRCS is reviewing the possible wetland impacts. **Tabled**, pending further information.

Permit No. 13-126, Dan Skolness. Applicant proposes to install pattern tile with a lift station and an outlet pipe under 57th Avenue North in the SE¼, Section 17, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County, outletting to the south side of the road. **Tabled**, pending notification of downstream landowners.

Permit No. 13-131, Steve Thompson. Applicant proposes to install a new approach with a 36" dia. corrugated metal pipe (CMP) along C.R. No. 21 at the quarter line of Section 5, Barnesville Township, Clay County. The two adjacent culverts are 36" dia. CMP. **Motion** by Larson to approve Permit No. 13-131, subject to the County's approval to work within their road right-of-way (r-o-w). **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-132, Schmidt Brothers Construction. Applicant is building a new house in the Borgen Fields Subdivision in Section 10, Oakport Township, Clay County, and will need to install a driveway

approach with a culvert. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 13-132 with culvert sizing to be determined by Opsahl. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-133, Steve Thompson. Applicant proposes to install field ditches across the S½NW¼ and into the NE¼, Section 3, Alliance Township, Clay County, to drain low areas. Water will drain west to the Township road ditch. **Motion** by Larson to approve Permit No. 13-133, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-134, Pat Held. Applicant proposes to install an approach off 28th AVE N, approximately 1,000' east of C.R. No. 86 in Section 25, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-134, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w and the installation of a 12"-15" dia. culvert in the approach. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-135, Lowell Picotte. Applicant proposes installation of 120 acres of pattern tiling in Section 7, Mitchell Township, and Section 12, Roberts Township, Wilkin County, which will drain to C.D. No. 26 to which the land is assessed, or Wolverton Creek. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 13-135, subject to our standard tiling disclaimer. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-136, City of Barnesville. Applicant proposes to install streets and utilities along T.H. No. 9, north of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 2, including a regional storm water pond, designed in accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) standards. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 13-136. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-137, Spring Prairie Colony. Applicant proposes to install a ditch along their north property line in the NW¼, Section 34, Flowing Township, Clay County, to drain water west into Clay C.D. No. 39 for which it is assessed. The BRRWD will provide an inlet culvert to be installed to C.D. No. 39. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 13-137. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-138, Prairie Crossing Townhomes, LLC. Applicant proposes to construct a multi-family residential housing development in the Shoppes on 34th Street 2nd Addition in the City of Dilworth (NW¼, NE¼, Section 3, Moorhead Township). The storm water will drain to the detention pond constructed under BRRWD Permit No. 12-117 and, eventually to Project No. 36, Clay C.D. No. 41-Lateral No. 2. Jones reviewed the proposed plan and recommended approval. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 13-138. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-139, Goltz Farms. Applicant proposes to install patterned tile in Section 1, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, clean existing ditches, and add new ditching where needed. They have filed NRCS Form 1026 for the work. The land west of CSAH No. 52 is assessed to drain south to Wilkin C.D. No. 41. The land east of CSAH No. 52 drains north along the east side of the highway, then west through the highway and railroad, and eventually into a natural waterway that goes by the Barnesville lagoons. The project will outlet via lift stations. The Board discussed historic drainage problems in this area and improvements that have been made along CSAH No. 52 in the recent years. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 13-139, subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and the condition that any sump pump must be turned off during times of downstream flooding. **Seconded** by Larson. Nelson opposed. **Approved.**

Permit No. 13-140, Goltz Farms. Applicant proposes to clean and improve ditches in Section 2, Atherton Township, Wilkin County. The land is assessed to drain to Wilkin C.D. No. 41. **Tabled,** pending further information from the applicant and Manager field review.

Perry Montplaisir Update. Albright said a mailing list will be prepared to include the Clay County Highway Department, Kragnes Township Supervisors, and area landowners. An informational meeting will then be scheduled to discuss Montplaisir's drainage concerns in Section 18, Kragnes Township, Clay County.

Akron Township Culverts. Jones will contact the Wilkin County Highway Department to conduct a culvert survey on C.R. No. 169 between Sections 5 and 6.

Project No. 76, Wilkin C.D. No. 3-Yaggie Lateral. Jones forwarded the Preliminary Engineer's Report to the petitioners. Albright noted that we will have to ask the petitioners to increase their bond amount, as the project development costs are close to exceeding \$10,000. The BRRWD will schedule the Preliminary Hearing later this fall after harvest. Jones received comments from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the Preliminary Engineer's Report.

Project No. 74, C.D. 51-Lateral No. 3-Minch Lateral. Manager Larson mentioned that the renter in Section 28, Kragnes Township, Clay County, would like to meet with him to discuss this proposed project. The Board discussed the area drainage history. Jones described the new lateral route as proposed in Minch's petition and a possible less expensive alternate route, which the petitioner rejected, that would have taken the water east via a field ditch on Minch's property through the railroad tracks and then north to C.D. No. 51 along T.H. No. 75.

Tami Norgard, Attorney, Vogel Law Firm, sent a response to the Appellate Court regarding the Robert Norby appeal of the proposed lateral. She also provided an update to the Federal Court regarding the Minch/BRRWD lawsuit status. Jones has filed the Detailed Survey Report. The Board discussed the proposed plan. **Motion** by Hanson to accept the Detailed Survey Report. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.** Jones will distribute the Report for the 30-day review period.

The Board discussed the appointment of Viewers. Because of the potentially litigious nature of the project, Albright contacted Ron Ringquist, Secretary/Treasurer, Minnesota Viewers' Association, to ask him to consider serving as a Viewer for the project, and for recommendations for two more Viewers. Ringquist recommended Rick Battles and Rod Knutson. **Motion** by Fjestad to appoint Ringquist, Battles, and Knutson as Viewers for Project No. 74. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Project No. 71, City of Moorhead/50th AVE S. Jones submitted Pay Request No. 2 for \$567,580.79 for Gladen Construction, Inc. The office will bill the City of Moorhead, who reimburses us for 100% of the project expenses. **Motion** by Larson to approve Pay Request No. 2. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. The Board discussed the 9/05/13 groundbreaking ceremony. Albright noted that we have received a number of good photographs of the event. The contractor, Gladen Construction, Inc., plans to get started on the project by 9/23/13. The Board discussed the easements that still need to be acquired. Albright noted that the contractor will try to avoid working on any easement areas with standing crops.

Albright noted that the DNR forwarded the grant agreement amendment for an additional \$800,000, bringing the total DNR contribution for the project to \$2,833,439.00. The amendment also extends the grant deadline until 12/31/14. **Motion** by Larson to sign the amendment. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

ARC Appraisals provided \$2,000 quote to complete the Kent Rod & Gun Club appraisal quote. **Motion** by Hanson to hire ARC Appraisals' to complete the referenced appraisal for \$2,000. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

The Board needs to sign the construction contract for Gladen Construction, Inc. **Motion** by Fjestad to sign the documents. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved**.

Albright noted that the DNR has forwarded the Grant Agreement for an additional \$400,000 from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the Manston project. This funding brings the State funding back up to the 75% level. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize signing of the agreement. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved**.

Project No. 49, Oakport Township Flood Mitigation. The office submitted a pay request to the DNR last week for \$567,118.02, which closes out Amendment No. 5 and leaves a \$32,881.98 balance in Amendment No. 6. The Board discussed possible Phase 4 funding for this year and 2014.

Albright reported that we are still waiting for the Fischer Family's Attorney to contact us regarding our spoil pile lease.

Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet. The Redetermination of Benefits hearing has been scheduled for October 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Cormorant Township Hall. Notices will be published in the local newspapers and also sent to the affected landowners.

Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee. The Board discussed the ongoing property acquisitions. The contractor has started the levee work. The Board discussed issues involving the Schmidt & Sons Construction, Inc. house moving contract. Opsahl will work with Schmidt to consolidate the remaining work under one contract.

Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1. The Board will schedule a meeting this winter with landowners interested in a possible lateral to divert water to Wolverton Creek. Opsahl will provide repair recommendations for four sites where the ditch banks have washed out. Concerns stem from the heavy June 25th rainfall event that inundated the area, causing localized flooding.

Mediation PT. The Fall Tour is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 2:00 PM at the Galaxie Supper Club. The office will mail invitations.

Watershed District Enlargement. The enlargement hearing was held on 8/29/13. As soon as the eastern boundary can be identified, the map will be submitted to BWSR for approval. Work has already started on updating the BRRWD's Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP) to include the new area, according to BWSR requirements.

Becker C.D. Nos. 10/19 Redetermination of Benefits. The hearings have been scheduled for October 1, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Callaway Community Center.

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). The Steering Committee met on 9/06/13. Marci McLaughlin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, recommended that the pilot area form an Advisory (landowners) Committee. Meeting topics also included the marketing/communication efforts and a biennial budget. They agreed that the local agency personnel would be more effective at marketing the program because they are more familiar with the area landowners. Jones is working on the BWSR grant work plan. The group also discussed BRRWD contributions for landowner incentives.

Strategic Planning/Office Evaluation. The Board discussed the consultant applications. The next step will be to submit the BWSR grant application.

New Office. Thompson Greenery has suggested that we add a few more trees around the building. The Board discussed tree varieties. The trees would have a one-year guarantee. Once the trees have been planted, the contractor will come back to haul away the rock pile and seed the grass. The Board discussed a problem with the parking lot border. Margaret Follingstad, Architect, will work with the contractor to address this issue.

The Board agreed to hold an Open House after harvest.

Stakke Lake. The DNR has completed the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) investigation for Stakke Lake. The information will be forwarded to the landowner email list. A second meeting regarding this issue will be scheduled for this winter.

Becker COLA. The Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) will hold their September meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Minnesota Community Technical College in Detroit Lakes.

2014 BWSR Clean Water Legacy (CWL) Grants. The BRRWD has three Otter Tail River restoration sites (Etten/Wilson) in Otter Tail County. H.E. has completed the survey work. Grant applications for 2014 BWSR CWL Grants need to be submitted by 10/04/13. The BRRWD would need to identify local match funding for these projects. Albright also discussed a ditch erosion site in Glyndon Township along the South Branch of the Buffalo River. The Township has agreed to split the local costs 50/50 with the BRRWD. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Jones to submit the two referenced CWL applications. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

MAWD Resolutions. Proposed resolutions for consideration at the MAWD annual meeting should be submitted by 10/18/13.

Buffalo River Watershed TMDL. Stephanie Johnson, Engineer, H.E., has completed a draft report for the Buffalo River Watershed Lakes Eutrophication Modeling. This report summarizes the in-lake water quality modeling efforts for lakes within the Buffalo River watershed in conjunction with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The report also talks about the Buffalo River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAP). The goal of this project is to establish the loading capacities to the area lakes to provide information for future water quality management.

Rules Update. Albright mentioned that the office received a copy of the Yellow Medicine Watershed District Rules for review regarding their Rules' updated process.

River Keepers Water Festival. The BRRWD received an invitation to attend the River Keepers Annual Water Festival in Moorhead on September 17-19, 2013, at the Hjemkomst Center.

Paul/Gary Johnson Drainage Survey. Opsahl will conduct an elevation survey for the Johnson property in the NE¼, Section 16, Riverton Township, Clay County.

Ditching Concern. Fjestad met with Marvin Christianson regarding a ditching concern. The work in question cut into the clay, and the Board felt that the landowner should file a BRRWD permit application. Fjestad will advise Christianson regarding the BRRWD Rules.

BRRWD Advisory Board. Nelson suggested that the Board appoint former BRRWD Manager Roger Ellefson to the Advisory Board. **Motion** by Nelson to make the referenced appointment. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Roger Ellefson Open House. An Open House for retiring BRRWD Manager Roger Ellefson is scheduled for September 27, 2013, at the Galaxie Supper Club from 5:00-8:00 PM.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
American Enterprises, Inc.	#1147, 2013 project mowing	Pj. Nos. 39, 49, & 70	\$ 4,050.00
AmeriPride Services	August rug rental	Admin	\$ 53.86
Balance Your Books	QuickBooks consultation	Admin	\$ 200.00
Barnesville Record Review	Budget Hearing notice	Admin	\$ 558.00
Braun Intertec	#373723, soil, concrete, paving	Pj. 71, Mhd 50th AVE S	\$ 22,806.00
Bruce E. Albright	Backup batteries for computers (4)	Admin	\$ 219.96
Bruce E. Albright	Barnesville Bakery-cookies	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 43.20
Carmen's Cleaning	August 2013 billing	Admin	\$ 65.00
City of Callaway	Community Center rental	Becker 10/19	\$ 100.00
Clay County Union	#744, budget hearing notice	Admin	\$ 580.32
Cormorant Township	10/07/13 hearing rental	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 500.00
Curtis M. Nelson	Voucher #1327, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 1,057.09
Deans Bulk Service, Inc.	#880264, tank rental	New Office	\$ 37.41
Eve Jerger	08/26/13-09/08/13 timesheet	Varies-see attached	\$ 147.00
FRS Works, Inc.	Ellefson retirement plaque	Admin	\$ 83.75
Fuchs Sanitation	August garbage	Admin	\$ 37.44
Gerald L. Van Amburg	Voucher #1328, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 1,643.13
Gladen Construction, Inc.	Pay Request No. 2	Pj. 71, Mhd 50th AVE S	\$ 576,580.79
H.E.	August billing statements	Varies-see attached	\$ 153,405.75
James H. Lucke, Trustee	Easement	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 20,352.00
Jerdee Bridge Co.	Dean Meyer bridge repairs	Pj. 61, Clay 11	\$ 12,200.00
Jim Hanson Cleaning Service	#626872, windows	New Office	\$ 138.94
Jim Nelson	10/12/13-10/12/14 Storage Lease	Pj. 08, Stony Creek	\$ 50.00
Joe NT Wulfekuhle Family LP	Easement	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 13,250.00
John E. Hanson	Voucher #1326, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 1,366.21
Joseph C. & Nancy Wulfekuhle	Easement	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 44,730.00
Northern Technologies	#9991, geotechnical exploration	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 5,838.00
Pelican Rapids Press	Budget Hearing notice	Admin	\$ 483.60
Peter Fjestad	Voucher #1331, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 1,062.80
Petty Cash	postage, supplies, etc.	Admin	\$ 200.00
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-08-13, water	Admin	\$ 40.42
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#20429, WQ analysis	Buffalo River TMDL	\$ 476.00
Roger G. Ellefson	Voucher #1325, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 622.47
The Hawley Herald, Inc.	#2236, budget hearing notice	Admin	\$ 748.80
TRN Abstract & Title Richland Wilkin	#6399598, Briks abstract	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 108.00
TRN Abstract & Title Richland Wilkin	#6399905, Anderson abstract	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 105.00
Troy Larson	Voucher #1330, 7/01/13-08/31/13	Varies	\$ 627.22
Vogel Law Firm	#113382, July billing	Admin	\$ 663.50
Vogel Law Firm	#113383, July billing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 107.50
Western National Insurance	Renewal	Insurance	\$ 13,983.00
Wilkin SWCD	Marketing/landowner meetings	Wolverton Creek CWF	\$ 27,160.00
Wilkin SWCD	Project development	Upper SB BMP	\$ 21,280.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating, Inc.	#140, mowing	Pj. 56, Manston	\$ 130.00
WREC	07/18/13-08/19/13 service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 273.08
Xcel Energy	07/24/13-08/24/13 service (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 100.49
			\$ 928,265.73

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

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

Adjournment. Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 11:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary