The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, Curtis M. Nelson, Peter V. Fjestad, John E. Hanson, Breanna L. Kobiela, and Catherine L. Affield. Houston Engineering Inc. (H.E.) Staff attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator; and Erik S. Jones, Engineer. Also in attendance were Dan Swedlund, Wilkin County Highway Department; Dan Bradow; and John Ready.

Chairman Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. He announced that the proceedings were being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board reviewed the BRRWD's financial status. Cash on hand currently is $1,348,449.84. Since the 06/09/14 meeting, we have received $10,920.41. A main contributor to that amount was the $10,000 bond from Mike Yaggie for Project No. 76, Wilkin County Ditch (C.D.) No. 3-Lateral.

**Wilkin-Otter Tail Judicial Ditch (J.D.) No 2.** Landowner Dan Bradow attended the meeting to discuss issues pertaining to J.D. No. 2, which is located on the line between Wilkin and Otter Tail Counties. Bradow, who owns land in Sections 7 and 18, Orwell Township, stated that the water recently overtopped the ditch berm on the east side, causing flooding in his fields. He had a series of photographs documenting the damage. Swedlund said that the County was aware of the problem. He felt that, even though the Wilkin and Otter Tail County Commissioners still jointly administer the ditch, the solution would eventually involve the BRRWD. Swedlund also announced that Wilkin County plans to transfer their ditch systems in the new watershed area in the next several months. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize H.E., subject to notification with Otter Tail County, to analyze the problem and to make recommendations for the repair. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Wilkin C.D. Nos. 1C and 34.** Swedlund also discussed recent flooding problems along Wilkin C.D. Nos. 1C and 34. Both projects drain into the ditch along Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 and use Whiskey Creek as an outlet. Jones stated that the 30-day comment period regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to clean Whiskey Creek across Section 14, Connelly Township, has expired. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules require that the BRRWD make a decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) within 30 days after the comment period ends. The EAW process is part of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permitting. Based on the comments received, Jones has drafted an order indicating that an EIS was not needed for this project. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve the record of decision. **Seconded** by Affield. **Approved.** The decision will be distributed to the EAW distribution list and anyone else who submitted timely and substantive comments. This should clear the way for Julie Aadland, Area Hydrologist, DNR, to issue the permit. The next step will be to contact the affected landowners for easements to construct the project. Hopes are that the work could be done yet this fall. Swedlund said that once the outlet is repaired west of T.H. No. 9, the Wilkin County Highway Department can do the needed repairs to the referenced drainage systems.

**Permit No. 14-066, Andy Leedahl.** John Ready questioned the Board's decision to issue a permit for a new culvert along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 2, through 80th ST S (County Road (C.R.) No.
53) between Sections 20 and 21, Alliance Township, Clay County. He said they already have drainage problems in Sections 20 and 29 where all the water has to drain south to Clay-Wilkin J.D. No. 1. Albright will furnish Ready with the new culvert hydraulics.

**Business brought before the Board included:**

**Downstream Permit Approval Form.** Albright suggested that a section be added to the Downstream Permit Approval Form that was approved at the 06/09/14 meeting to detail which party or parties the applicant needed to contact to obtain the downstream approval. The Board agreed, and a section will be added as discussed. The Board also discussed changing verbiage from "approval" to "notification" on the form. A revised form will be reviewed at the upcoming 07/14/14 meeting.

**Project No. 76, Wilkin C.D. No. 3-Yaggio Lateral.** The total $15,000 bond amount has now been received from the petitioners, and the Board can now dismiss the petition and approve Mike Yaggio/Wayne Fuder's permit (Permit No. 14-019) for construction of a private ditch. **Motion** by Hanson to dismiss the petition and approve Permit No. 14-019, subject to road authority approval to work within their right-of-way (r-o-w) (Akron Township/Wilkin County) prior to start of the project. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 74, Clay C.D. No. 51, Lateral No. 3.** Tami L. Norgard, Attorney, Vogel Law Firm, filed a letter with the Federal District Court with a status update for the project. Petitioner Roger Minch redrafted the petition, adding a lateral to the west to include drainage from the Sorby property, and a 24" dia. pipe through the township road (100th AVE N) to include drainage from the Sauter property in Section 33, Kragnes Township. Minch sent the revised petition to Sauter and Sorby, asking for their signatures to be included on the petition. The Viewers' preliminary report showed that there aren't enough benefits for the current project to make it feasible. Albright suggested a meeting should be held with the petitioner to discuss the future of the current petition and its possible dismissal.

**Project No. 73, Country Heritage Ditch.** An informational meeting will be held this fall with the affected landowners along 2nd ST in Oakport Township to discuss their culvert concerns. The contractor also has several cleanup issues to complete. The contractor will also have to address the issue of Tim Brendemuhl’s crop loss claim. We expect that when things dry up, the contractor will be in to make the necessary repairs.

**Project No. 71, City of Moorhead, 50th AVE S.** Gladen Construction, Inc. has a few punch list items left to complete. Once the final pay request is received from Gladen, we will be able to calculate the final project cost to bill the City of Moorhead and the local benefitted landowners in accordance with the Appraisers' Report.

**Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration.** The office contacted all of the affected landowners who still have not signed their easements. Albright met with Duane Stuehrenberg, who is hesitant to sign his easement option until he knows the status of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement process. Before the BRRWD can acquire the Stuehrenberg easement for our project, the WRP easement needs to be in place. Albright also talked with Scott Smith, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), who hoped that the Van Wechel and Stuehrenberg WRP easements could be closed within the next 60-90 days. Albright held a field meeting with Dale Dinger and his renter, Kurt Krueger, on 05/29/14 to review their concerns, which includes the clean out of the C.R. No. 26 road ditch. Dinger might be willing to sign his easement; once he is assured that the C.R. No. 26 repairs will be made as part of the project. Norgard gave Albright an update regarding the Kent Rod and Gun Club "friendly" condemnation. Gladden Construction Inc. is working on the ditch along the south embankment (Tower Road). Conditions are wet, but the contractor is able to work with the clay to get it dried out enough to meet compaction requirements. Weekly meetings with the contractor are being held to monitor project progress. The estimated completion date is 09/30/14. Albright is working with Rick St. Germain, H.E. on the DNR dam safety permit. A
meeting was held with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to review their permitting concerns, and representatives stated the permit would be forthcoming.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Township Flood Mitigation.** Norgard has prepared a letter that could be sent to the Fischers regarding an easement for the stockpile of dirt on their property. She inquired to the amount the Board would like to offer for the easement. The rate proposed earlier was $3,000/year (same as the Pierce stock pile). A month or so will be given for a response, if none is received, Norgard will move forward with condemnation.

**Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee.** Reiner Construction, Inc. will finish the final punch list items as soon as weather permits. We are waiting for the Greywind house to be moved before any more work can be done on finishing the levee. Clay County had contacted the office regarding a drainage issue along C.R. No. 34 east of town. Two approaches east of the new dike need to be removed and the drainage should improve to its previous state or better. The DNR has responded on the requested $190,000 in funding we need to finish the project. It may not be in their budget to furnish the funding this year. **Motion** by Hanson to complete the project work and seek the additional funding through the DNR in the future. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin J.D. No. 1.** The office received a call from Brian Kritzberger and several emails last week from other J.D. No. 1 landowners regarding the recent ditch flooding again. The Board has authorized H.E. to work on the ditch analysis and file a report later this summer regarding possible repairs, a possible county line outlet ditch, and the ditch system's history.

**Project No. 37, C.D. No. 41-Lateral 1.** There have been erosion issues for some time from T.H. No. 75 downstream to C.D. No. 41 (approximately 1,000'). The ditch has been eroding along 15th AVE N. Some rock was added previously, but the channel is still down cutting, and the banks are eroding. Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., recommended putting in concrete channel liner in the affected area as the only viable repair. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize H.E. to make an analysis and furnish repair recommendations. **Second** Larson. **Approved.**

**Project No. 14, Clay C.D. No 10.** Bids were accepted at the 06/09/14 meeting: Phase 1 to JBX LLC, Phases 2 and 3 to William Nichol Excavating. The contract documents have been returned for signature by JBX LLC. **Motion** by Fjestad to sign the contract. **Seconded** by Affield. **Approved.**

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville Watershed Office. Notices have been sent.

A field meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on 06/24/14 with various agency representatives, including the NRCS, DNR, and Board of Soil and Water Recourses (BWSR), to discuss the South Branch of the Buffalo River issues affecting Carolyn Swenson in Section 6, and Terry Czichotzki in Sections 10 and 11, Manston Township. Albright circulated photographs taken that day.

Jones submitted an acceleration grant application for the Barnesville Township project to the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (RRBFDRWG), who approved $5,000 in funding on 05/21/14 to help survey the Barnesville Township project area. Van Amburg had previously noted that the RRBFDRWG may have extra funding that could be reallocated to this project yet this year. He added that reallocated funding might also be available for PT expenses. To date, it has been too wet to start the survey anyway.

A Farm Bill/WRP/Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) press conference was held on 06/05/14 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Congressman Peterson and other dignitaries were in attendance. There was a formal announcement of the funding, and a
discussion about how the Red River Basin fits into the proposed Regional Conservation Partnerships Program (RCPP). Contracts were offered to Mark Anderson, representing the Stangeland property, and Kelly Peppel, representing the Raymond Peppel property. Peppel visited the BRRWD office the next day to discuss some concerns he had with the lower WRE contract rates he was offered. Albright is looking further into the matter.

Opsahl has been out to assess the breakouts along Stony Creek. The PT will discuss the various options to try to find the best comprehensive solution to the problems in this area.

On Friday, July 18, 2014, the Farm Bureau is holding workshops open to farmers to discuss detention and other issues regarding the new Farm Bill. The 3rd Annual Red River Valley Agricultural Water Issues Forum, titled "Building Grower Awareness and Local Engagement", will be held at the Jerry Nordick farm, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Albright hopes to start working on easements for Reep Lake, as soon as he is able to wrap things up regarding Manston Slough.

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Request for Proposals (RFP).** Linda Kingery, the University of Minnesota (U of M), Northwest Regional Sustainable Development, contacted the BRRWD about an MPCA RFP for a grant opportunity for local government units (LGU). The MPCA is seeking LGU's to come up with means to help communities adapt to climate change and extreme weather events. The cost of damages caused by extreme events has risen exponentially in recent years with Minnesota as one of the highest. Van Amburg discussed working with the U of M regarding the Hawley project or other possible opportunities to come up with some practical tools and responses for adapting to these conditions before they actually happen. The grant is offering $25,000-$40,000 in funding, with a 25% match from the sponsoring organization ($8,000-$10,000). Van Amburg and Albright met with Kingery on 06/17/14 to review what the BRRWD might be able to submit as a grant proposal. The application will be available for the Board's review at the 07/14/14 meeting. The grant application is due July 16, 2014.

**Watershed District Enlargement.** No further work has been done on the proposed boundary changes with the Bois De Sioux Watershed District. In accordance with the revised schedule, which has been filed with BWSR for updating the Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP), one of the first steps will be to hold some kick off meetings. We will probably do that in the new area after the crops are planted. The estimated completion date for the RWMP update process is May 31, 2015.

**Becker C.D. No. 19.** In the past several months, Albright has had two meetings with the owners of the R&R Hunting Lodge on Rock Lake. Officials from the DNR, Ducks Unlimited (DU), and Holmesville Township also attended. It appears that the culverts in the Rock-Rice Road, at the outlet of Rock Lake, are undersized. At the present time, they have 48" and 36" dia. pipes. The undersized culverts are causing fluctuating water levels on Rock Lake, and the high water is also affecting shoreline, trees, etc. The DNR and Township feel that H.E. should be authorized to do a hydraulic analysis for the Rock-Rice Road crossing and for C.R. No. 27 at the outlet of Momb Lake. The cost of the hydraulic analysis would be borne by the ditch system. If recommendations were made to change the pipes at either location, the cost of the actual culverts and work would be the road authority's responsibility. The Board had authorized H.E. to conduct a hydraulic analysis for the noted road crossings. At the 05/27/14 meeting, Jones said the analysis should be done in the next month or so.

**Detroit Lakes Wastewater Outlet.** Opsahl and Manager Hanson previously met with the City of Detroit Lakes and their engineers to look at outlet options for their wastewater ponds, which could potentially drain into the BRRWD. Hanson reported on the meeting discussion topics at the 06/09/14 meeting. He noted that the City will have to work with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding their possible project.
**Stakke Lake.** Jones presented a summary of his analysis to the Board at the 06/09/14 meeting. The analysis was also forwarded to the Lake Association Chairman. Based on his review, it doesn't appear that they can raise the lake very much without impacting neighboring landowners. The BRRWD could also talk to the property owners about possible channelization to connect the northwest part of the lake with the main body. Jones noted that Emily Siira, DNR, was willing to consider this proposal. Albright felt further discussions regarding these issues could be tabled until we get a response from the Lake Association.

**Army Corps of Engineers (COE) F-M Diversion.** Construction has begun on the Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke (O-H-B) ring dike. The Minnesota EIS will be done next spring. Wilkin County has countered with a second lawsuit. Stephanie Miranowski, Wilkin County Commissioner, left a message with the office for Albright. She was concerned about the Board's 05/27/14 meeting actions to sign a letter prepared by the Onstad-Twichell Law Firm, clarifying Minnesota's position regarding construction of the O-H-B dike.

**Clay C.D. Nos. 9, 32, and 33.** Opsahl will be drafting a final punch list. The contractors are willing to installing flapgates and a couple of pipes, as soon as site conditions permit. Albright met with the Viewers on 06/06/14 to establish the benefit areas/rates for the redetermination. Opsahl will transfer that information to maps to assist in final field verifications before the Viewers will file their report.

**Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP).** A press day was held out at the Nordick Farm recently about the Whiskey Creek Pilot project. Albright is working with Dan Gunderson, Minnesota Public Radio, to see if he might be interested in writing a regional story. The Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices (KAP) questionnaire was sent to the Advisory Committees for their review. Albright is working with the MDA on the Fergus Falls meeting on July 8-9, 2014, when the other three pilot areas will be visiting with the MAWQCP Steering Committee.

**Buffalo River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAP).** Mark Deutschman, H.E., is working with MPCA on contract language/amendments for the Buffalo River TMDL and WRAP. The deadline was 06/30/14, and an extension will be needed at this point to allow for time to respond to the received comments.

**Elkton Township Wetland Restoration.** As noted previously, Ziegler Construction, Inc. will finish the site work once their crops have been planted and site conditions permit.

**Hawley Buffalo River Project.** Jones continues to work on obtaining the necessary permits to complete the project by the June 30, 2015, funding deadline. Jones presented the Record of Decision for the Board's review and signature. The Board has 30 days to file the decision after the EAW process. Motion by Fjestad to approve the Record of Decision. Seconded by Paradeis Kobiela. Approved. Letters have been sent to landowners along the project to notify them that the access agreements will be needed from them before work begins.

**Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee Clean Water Fund (CWF) Project.** Aadland sent an email regarding the status of the DNR permit, which should be forthcoming. H.E. is investigating the process to establish a water management district to help provide funding for a project in this area. Jones said a 06/25/14 meeting is being set up with Mike Michlovic, Archaeologist, Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), regarding an archeological review for this project and the Hawley Buffalo River Project.

**BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP).** The Managers have copies of the Succession Planning Guide, prepared by Consultant Donna Rae Scheffert, as well as the Strategic Planning Manual for review. A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2014, to discuss goal setting from Board and Staff perspectives. The Potential Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB)
membership document was distributed to the Board for review. The BWSR PRAP grant expires on 06/30/14.

**Whisky Creek CWF Project.** Steven Johnson Excavation was awarded the contracts for the Hough erosion site and the Glyndon Township road ditch repair.

Jones is working with Emily Siira, DNR, on the DNR permit for the multi-block wall repairs. Since this is a small project in the same vicinity as the Glyndon Township repairs, Jones suggested that we include this work in Johnson's contract. Watershed Law allows award of the contract without bidding because of the estimated cost of the work.

Jones also gave an update regarding the outlet repairs on Clay C.D. No. 5. The landowners have agreed to the work, and Jones is working with them to acquire additional r-o-w. The estimated project cost is approximately $130,000, of which approximately $30,000 will be used to pay for the needed permanent and temporary r-o-w. Northern States Excavating, Inc.’s bid of $85,038 was accepted at the 06/09/14 meeting. The contract was presented to the Board for signatures. **Motion** by Nelson to sign the contract, subject to the receipt of the easement from the landowner. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

**Financial Issues.** Midwest Bank has approved the $600,000 operating loan. The interest rate for a non-profit business is 2.75%. The BRRWD has been classified as a non-profit organization. A document was presented for Board signatures accepting this status classification. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize the requested signatures. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Clay C.D. No. 31, Phillip Rogers Concerns.** Phillip Rogers visited the office to discuss some erosion issues he is having along C.D. No. 31 in Section 11, Barnesville Township. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize H.E. to investigate the site and make repair recommendations at the next meeting. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Clay C.D. No. 9, Mark Nyquist Proposal.** Mark Nyquist has made a proposal to move an approach on C.D. No. 9, east of C.R. No. 52, to the border between his and Robert Allen's property to make it more accessible for both parties. Allen reported he was not particularly interested in the proposal. Albright will follow up with Allen.

**Wilkin C.D. No. 22-Lateral 2.** During ditch inspections, it was discovered that Jeff Nord had cleaned part of C.D. No. 22-Lateral 2, due to his pattern tiling lift station depositing a large amount of sand into the ditch. The Board is aware of this and will contact Nord with any necessary repairs or cleanup. Drainage Law prohibits landowners from working in legal drainage systems without the drainage authorities’ approval.

**Heartland Trail.** There will be a section of the Heartland Trails going from Moorhead through Hawley and Detroit Lakes before connecting further east. Another meeting will be held in July. A preliminary map will be sent out for the Board’s review.

**Clean Water Council.** The Clean Water Council will be in Moorhead on Sunday, August 17, 2014. There will be a small reception. On Monday, August 18, 2014, they will be taking a bus tour of BRRWD projects. Albright discussed a tentative tour agenda.

**Key Contracting Proposal – Oakport.** A proposal was received from Key Contracting for the last house demolition in Oakport. Their bid was for $18,500. **Motion** by Fjestad to accept the bid. **Seconded** by Affield. **Approved.**
Ronnie Erdman Concerns. There are some break-out flows onto land that Ronnie Erdman is farming from the outlet on Wilkin C.D. No. 42. The site will be reviewed and recommendations prepared for the next meeting.

Permit No. 14-065, Clay County Highway Department. Applicant proposes to remove a bridge in the NW¼, Section 19, Flowing Township. Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 14-065. Seconded by Fjestad. Approved.

Permit No. 14-067, Ivan Nelson. Applicant proposes to install random tiling in the SE¼, Section 22, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, outletting into Deerhorn Creek. Motion by Nelson to approve Permit No. 14-067, subject to BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer. Seconded by Fjestad. Approved.

Permit No. 14-068, Nick Hoban. Applicant proposes to replace a driveway culvert with a new 18” dia. by 40’ long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) to allow widening of the driveway on their property in the N½, Section 24, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County. Motion by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 14-068, subject to township road authority approval to work within their r-o-w. Seconded by Affield. Approved.

Permit No. 14-070, Hoff Lutheran Cemetary. Applicant proposes to build a levee on the north and east sides of the Hoff Lutheran Cemetery to match the existing south and west levee elevations of at approximately elevation 917 in the SW¼, Section 9, Holy Cross Township, Clay County. The levee will be about 6.4’ tall at the highest point, approximately 33.6’ wide at the widest point, with an 8’ wide top and a 2:1 side slopes. Motion by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 14-070. Seconded by Paradeis Kobiela. Approved.

Permit No. 14-071, Curtis Stubstad. Applicant proposes to install 199 acres of pattern tiling in the SW¼, Section 1, and part of the SE¼, Section 2, Elmwood Township, Clay County. Part of the requested land is not currently assessed to C.D. No. 58, and the landowner must first petition into the ditch system. Motion by Fjestad to table Permit No. 14-071. Seconded by Hanson. Tabled, pending the approved petition/hearing into the C.D. No. 58 ditch system.

Permit No. 14-072, Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad. Applicant is working with the BRRWD on Clay C.D. No. 38 to replace an existing 30” RCP through their grade and install a new 36” dia. culvert in the NE¼, Section 17, Kragnes Township, Clay County. Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 14-072. Seconded by Affield. Approved.

Permit No. 14-073, Dave and William Grommesh. Applicant proposes to install pattern tiling in the SW¼, Section 29, Skree Township, Clay County, outletting via a 12” gravity outlet directly into Spring Creek on the north end of the project. Motion by Nelson to approve Permit No. 14-073, subject to BRRWD’s standard tiling disclaimer and downstream landowner and road authority approval to work within their r-o-w. Seconded by Fjestad. Approved.

Permit No. 14-074, Leland Thomas. Applicant proposes to install 150 acres of pattern tiling in the NE¼, Section 17, Morken Township, Clay County, outletting via three 12” dia. gravity outlets into C.D. No. 10, to which the property is assessed. Motion by Larson to approve Permit No. 14-074, subject to BRRWD’s standard tiling disclaimer. Seconded by Hanson. Approved. Larson questioned the number of outlets needed in relationship to the project’s drainage area.

Permit No. 14-075, Allen and Mark Yaggie. Applicant proposes to install 320 acres of pattern tiling in the S½, Section 8, Foxhome Township, Wilkin County, outletting via a lift station in the southwest corner of Section 8 directly into C.D. No. 4, to which it is assessed. Motion by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 14-075, subject to BRRWD’s standard tiling disclaimer. Seconded by Affield. Approved.
**Permit No. 14-076, Allen Yaggie.** Applicant proposes to install 160 acres of pattern tiling in the SW¼, Section 28, Nilsen Township, Wilkin County, outletting via lift a station to C.D. No. 3-2, to which it is assessed. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 14-076, subject to BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and road authority approval to work within their r-o-w. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 14-077, Jason Crabtree.** Applicant proposes to restore four wetlands by scraping out the sediment and spoiling the material into the existing drainage ditches in Section 1, Lake Park Township, Becker County. Jones said the application is lacking specific project details. **Motion** by Hanson to table Permit No. 14-077. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Tabled,** pending a more detailed plan from applicant.

**Permit No. 14-078, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District.** Applicant proposes to restore wetlands by scraping out the sediment and spoiling the material down the existing drainage ditches in Section 34, Parke Township, Clay County. **Motion** by Fjestad to table Permit No. 14-078. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Tabled,** pending a more detailed plan from applicant.

**Permit No. 14-079, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to remove a bridge over Whisky Creek in C.R. No. 56 between Sections 22 and 23, Barnesville Township, Clay County. Albright said Brian Ellefson has buildings in Section 23 that are subject to flooding. He suggested that the office should contact him with the project details. **Motion** by Hanson to table Permit No. 14-079. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 14-081, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to remove a bridge in 140th AVE S between Sections 12 and 13, Holy Cross Township, Clay County, on the Sabin Coulee. **Motion** by Paradiseis Kobiela to table Permit No. 14-081. **Seconded** by Affield. **Tabled,** pending discussion with John Ready, a neighboring landowner.

**Permit No. 14-080, Duane Struhenberg.** Applicant proposes to install pattern tiling in the NE¼, Section 10, Meadows Township, Wilkin County, outletting to C.D. No. 6A, to which it is assessed. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve Permit No. 14-080, subject to BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer and downstream landowner and road authority approval to work within their r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Jeremy Tischer Flap Gate.** A permit (12-106) was granted to Jeremy Tischer in the past to install a flap gate on a culvert on T.H. No. 9. Due to a misunderstanding with MNDOT, the gate was removed. Albright has discussed the removal with Tischer and MNDOT, and we will reassess the need for the gate after the Manston Slough Project has been completed. If needed, according to MNDOT rules, the BRRWD will need to be the MNDOT applicant.

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

**Becker C.D. No. 15 Repairs.** Hanson requested that repairs for the upstream portions of the ditch system on private lands in Section 1 and 2, Audubon Township, should be completed this summer. The Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District (WMD) also has funding available to do work on the Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in this same area, this summer also. Perhaps the two projects can be coordinated.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

**Adjournment.** **Motion** by Larson to adjourn. **Seconded** by Kobiela. **Approved.** Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary