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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING May 29, 2007

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, May 29, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, Gerald L. VanAmburg, Curtis M. Nelson, E. Robert Olson, and John E. Hanson. Others attending included BRRWD Administrator Bruce E. Albright, Erik S. Jones, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); Bruce Paakh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and landowner Greg Berg.

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

Secretary's Report. The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 5/14/07 regular meeting and the 4/19/07 Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11N-Improvement Preliminary Hearing. Nelson noted a minor correction to the Project No. 61 minutes. **Motion** by Nelson to approve both sets of minutes subject to correction. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the BRRWD's current financial status. Albright closed today on the Howitson property for Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. He took out a Midwest Bank loan for this acquisition. We still have an outstanding loan with Midwest Bank for the Holubok property acquisition associated with Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Last week, we paid off the Midwest Bank operating loan balance. We also received \$100,000 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Manston Slough and Oakport general expenses. Albright noted that the BRRWD should receive the first half of the 2007 county ditch taxes in the next few weeks.

Business brought before the Board included:

MPCA Funding Request. Albright explained that the BRRWD contributed \$8,400 per year in 2005 and 2006 to the MPCA for water quality testing expenses within the District. Traditionally, RMB Laboratories bills the BRRWD directly for sampling expenses. Bruce Paakh, MPCA, gave a report about the various MPCA water quality studies within the BRRWD. MPCA is doing a conditional load study for the entire Red River Basin. The BRRWD has two sites involved with this study. They collect 20 samples per year for various parameters, including nitrogen and sulfates. MPCA is working on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the Buffalo River and Stony Creek. Paakh explained that this year they are concentrating on flow monitoring on Stony Creek. Stage will be measured and rating curves will be developed to determine discharges. MPCA is also working with the DNR on the DNR's Lawndale Trout Stream restoration project. They are flow monitoring on 5-7 sites along the trout stream. On the South Branch of the Buffalo River, the MPCA is conducting a sediment study in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Sabin. Part of this study will compare sampling methods.

In addition, MPCA sponsors the River Watch program, which includes the Hawley and Barnesville High School River Watch Teams. Ellefson questioned if MPCA and the River Watch Teams might be doubling up on monitoring studies. Paakh explained that MPCA provides monitoring instruments/supplies, training

sessions for the teachers, curriculum development advice, etc., for the Team. Wayne Goeken, Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB), works with the River Watch Teams. Paakh added that where MPCA and River Watch sampling overlaps, they are testing for different parameters. The BRRWD contributes approximately \$3,800 per year to the Barnesville High School River Watch Team. Paakh explained that the River Watch Team samples secondary and tertiary sites where MPCA does not tend to monitor. MPCA is also working with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to sample the Buffalo River for pesticide contamination.

Albright noted that the BRRWD has applied for a grant from Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to develop a web-based map of sampling sites within the BRRWD for general public access. Paakh added that MPCA is still working with the Baer Family regarding Sand Lake water quality issues. On Wolverton Creek, they plan to expand water quality monitoring work this year. A discussion followed regarding condition load monitoring and other ongoing water quality monitoring projects within the BRRWD.

Paakh requested that the BRRWD allow the MPCA to use the \$3,000 carryover funding from 2006. Due to dry conditions last summer, they weren't able to use the entire funding allocation. He also requested \$8,400 for 2007 water quality testing. VanAmburg felt that it was important for the Board to support water quality testing within the BRRWD. He noted that this funding was included in our Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M. S. A.) 103D.905 budget. **Motion** by VanAmburg to allow MPCA to use the carryover funding from 2006 and to contribute an additional \$8,400 for MPCA's 2007 water quality testing efforts. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Greg Berg Drainage Concern. Landowner Greg Berg discussed his concerns about drainage problems on his 40 acre pasture south of Barnesville on the east side Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 in the SW¹/₄, Section 25, Barnesville Township, west of the City's settling ponds. He feels the sediment and vegetation in the road ditch causes water to pool in his pasture. He asked the Board to authorize H.E. to conduct an elevation survey of the road ditch to provide grade so the ditch will drain properly. The group discussed area drainage patterns. Several years ago, area homeowners on the west side of T.H. 9 requested that the BRRWD block a culvert through T.H. 9 to keep the water from flowing west onto their property. Berg explained that he did not want to reopen the culvert, but did feel that the alternative route along T.H. 9 needs cleaning. Berg also suspects that there is a washout behind the City lagoon. Albright felt that the Board should field review that area. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize H.E. to conduct the referenced survey. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** Albright will contact Berg when the survey is completed.

Permit No. 07-28, City of Moorhead. Applicant proposes to install storm drainage improvements, site grading, and stormwater detention ponds along 50th AVE S in Sections 30 and 31, Moorhead Township, for the Trollwood Performing Arts School. Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) developed the project design. Jones reviewed the stormwater plan and pond sizing. The detention ponds will discharge via 30" dia. and 18" dia reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) to the Red River and will limit developed discharges to less than existing. The ponds will hold the 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event with additional freeboard. According to MPCA stormwater rules, the pond, located in the northeast corner of the site, will contain the dead storage. The total site area is 38.8 acres with 12.1 acres of grassed area. Runoff from the regraded areas will be routed via the stormwater system pipes to the detention pond. The finished floor elevations of the building are at elevation 908.0 or higher, which is 2.4' above the proposed revised 100-year floodplain elevation (905.57). Jones recommended permit approval. Olson had some questions regarding the access roads. Jones noted that the roads are not part of this permit. The BRRWD can review the road issue when the City files a separate permit for that

work. There was a discussion regarding the potential drainage project along the south side of 50th AVE S and how this drainage might be affected by road improvements. In addition, the Board discussed the natural gas pipelines located east of T.H. 75 that will probably have to be moved or lowered should this drainage project be developed. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 07-28. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-31, Howard Pender, Jr. Applicant proposes to install an approach/culvert in the northeast corner of Section 25, Elkton Township, to improve drainage. **Tabled** pending Manager field review.

Permit No. 07-32, Michael J. Stetz. Applicant proposes to install an approach with a 24" dia. culvert on the north-south quarterline in Section 5, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, off County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 32 (110th ST). The proposed culvert matches the upstream and downstream structures. Tom Richels, Wilkin County Highway Department, has already approved the work. The project will provide field access. **Motion** by VanAmburg to approve Permit No. 07-32, subject to County approval to work within their road right-of-way (r-o-w). **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-34, Chris Noben. Applicant proposes to install tiling for about 60 acres in the SE¼, Section 12, Cuba Township, Becker County, to provide drainage to increase agricultural production. Noben doesn't plan to start the work until August. **Tabled** pending Manager field review with Noben, Clifford Ernst (landowner); and Jeff Norby, Becker Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Permit No. 07-35, City of Moorhead. Applicant proposes to reconstruct 2,700' of 28th ST between 30th AVE and 40th AVE S to change the road section from rural to urban with paved surface and curb and gutter. The project will also install underground utilities including sanitary and storm sewer. Stormwater will outlet to the 100 Acre Park Detention Pond. Jones recommended permit approval. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-35. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-36, Tom Herfindahl. Applicant filed an "after-the-fact" permit application for a tiling project he installed last fall in Section 13, Cuba Township, Becker County. Recently, Clifford Ernst, and his renter Chris Noben, filed Permit No. 07-34 to install tiling in Section 12, Cuba Township. The Board discussed these two projects and felt the neighbors should work together to coordinate their tile drainage to outlet to Becker County Ditch No. 15. **Tabled** pending a Manager field review with Ernst, Noben, and Jeff Norby, NRCS, as referenced above for Permit No. 07-34.

Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association.

Permit No. 07-37. Applicant proposes to bore a high voltage underground power cable under Clay County Ditch No. 40 in Sections 27 and 28, Kurtz Township, Clay County, to replace an overhead power line. The line will be placed approximately 72" below the bottom of the ditch.

Permit No. 07-38. Applicant proposes to bore a high voltage underground power cable under Clay County Ditch No. 55 in Sections 21 and 22, Elmwood Township, Clay County, to replace an overhead power line. The line will be placed approximately 72" below the bottom of the ditch.

Permit No. 07-39. Applicant proposes to bore a high voltage underground power cable under Clay County Ditch No. 63 in Sections 35 and 36, Moland Township, Clay County, to replace

an overhead power line. The line will be placed approximately 72" below the bottom of the ditch.

Motion by Hanson to approve Permit Nos. 07-37, 07-38, and 07-39, subject to our standard utility disclaimer and typical section installation. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-40, Ronald Jerger. Applicant proposes to construct an 18" to 24" berm along the east side of his property in the NW¹/₄, Section 32, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, on the west side of the quarterline ditch. The work is needed to repair the existing ditch, which has now washed away or worked down with tillage equipment. With the recent heavy rainfall, increased drainage from the east forced water out of the quarterline ditch and across Jerger's field. Ellefson briefly discussed his observations of the drainage patterns in this area after the recent rainfall event. **Tabled** pending field review.

Minch Lawsuit. Based on attorney/client privilege, and in accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Board went into closed session at 9:10 PM to discuss the status of the lawsuit. At 9:18 PM, the Board reopened the meeting.

Paul Hartke Approach. At the 5/14/07 meeting, the Board approved a motion to send Hartke an "after-the-fact" permit application for an approach in Section 14, Cromwell Township, along 57th AVE N that he installed last fall without a BRRWD permit. The office has not yet sent an application to Hartke.

Grove Lake Outlet. A landowner informational meeting has been scheduled for 6/19/07 at 8:00 PM in Hildebrand Hall, Assumption Catholic Church, Barnesville. The office plans to send notices only to landowners within the proposed project area. Albright noted that the Grove Lake residents have experienced increased water problems because of the recent heavy area rainfall. Some landowners have suggested that the BRRWD could accelerate this project by putting it on an emergency basis, as we did with the Turtle Lake Outlet. Local Legislators included 50% funding (\$50,000) for Grove Lake in the 2008 bonding bill. However, Albright thought that the DNR might have funding available this year for Grove Lake if we designated it as an emergency project.

Jones completed the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction WorkGroup (RRBFDRWG) Project Readiness and Compatibility Form for this project. Albright presented the project to the RRWMB Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee (TSAC) and the RRBFDRWG last week. The TSAC approved the project, but the RRBFDRWG felt the project should go through the Mediation Project Team process before they could approve it. The Board discussed possible changes to the project to enhance the environmental features.

Baer Hog Facility. Manager Nelson and Albright attended the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) hearing before the Clay County Planning and Zoning Committee on 5/15/07. The Committee members tabled the permit pending further study. The Board discussed the proceedings.

Ronald Wang Flapgate Request. Wang has requested a flapgate installation in Section 4, Moland Township, Clay County, to keep water that is supposed to drain to Clay County Ditch No. 65 from backing up across his property into Clay County Ditch No. 3. Wang filed Permit Nos. 04-85 and 04-86 in this regard. The Board discussed this area drainage issue. Wang would like the BRRWD to do something to correct the drainage patterns.

Otter Tail Valley Railroad (OTV) Bridge. Jones is working with OTV to determine the replacement structure size for their bridge in CSAH No. 52 in Section 19, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. The Board reviewed a photograph Albright took on 5/23/07 after a heavy rainfall event, showing the culvert full to capacity. Since this area acts as an overflow for the Deerhorn Creek Levee spillway, Albright thought that the neighboring landowner would not be in favor of reducing the structure size.

Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek Levees. The Managers discussed concerns regarding individuals who have been tampering with the flapgates along the levee system. **Motion** by Olson to send letters to four landowners adjacent to the area where the flapgates have been removed, advising them that it is a violation of the BRRWD Rules to tamper with flapgates. In addition, violators could face civil and criminal prosecution. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

Culvert Installation Complaint. The Board discussed a culvert that was installed without a permit last week in NE¼, Section 12, Barnesville Township, on the west side of T.H. 9. They reviewed photographs Albright took on 5/23/07. **Motion** by Nelson to send a letter to the landowner advising him that a BRRWD permit is needed to install drainage structures. In addition, the office will provide a permit application for the landowner to file an after-the-fact permit. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Culvert Blockage Complaint. A landowner in Section 5, Humboldt Township, contacted the office last week regarding a culvert that someone blocked with plywood and fence posts in the southwest corner of the section following the recent heavy rainfall event. The Board discussed this issue and reviewed photographs Albright took on 5/23/07. **Motion** by Olson to send a letter to the area landowners, advising them that it is a violation of the BRRWD Rules to tamper with drainage structures. In addition, violators could face civil and criminal prosecution. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.** Nelson abstained.

Elmwood Township Beaver Complaint. Elmwood Township contacted the BRRWD regarding beaver activity along 110th AVE S in Sections 26/35 near Hay Creek. The Board reviewed Albright's 5/25/07 photographs. It appears the beavers have undermined the roadbed. Albright told the Supervisors that they did not need a BRRWD permit to remove the beavers. Albright will forward the information and photograph to Robert G. Merritt, Area Hydrologist, DNR, as Hay Creek is designated as DNR protected waters.

Drainage Meeting. Duane and Ione Lass and the City of Barnesville will meet on 5/31/07 onsite to discuss agricultural drainage entering the southeast side of the city limits. Manager Ellefson and Albright plan to attend the meeting.

Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11-North-Improvement. The Board approved the 4/19/07 Preliminary Hearing minutes. H.E. is working on the Engineer's Detailed Survey Report. The Board approved a Preliminary Order to continue with this project on 4/23/07. H.E. is working on a breakdown of their billings to determine which costs pertain to Project No. 61, and which pertain to Clay County Ditch No. 11 in general.

Project No. 60, Swede Grove Lake. The RRBFDWRWG and TSAC approved the Project Readiness Form for this project so that it will be eligible for funding in 2008. Albright is working on the informational meeting minutes. Another informational meeting should be scheduled in the near future to discuss project development. Ron Harnack, RRWMB, informed Albright that Swede Grove Lake is a "game lake". To lower a game lake 8' could involve a lengthy hearing process. The Board felt that DNR would be involved in this process.

Project No. 59, Clay County Ditch No. 41-Lateral 3. Albright sent a letter to Lee Berget, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), to suggest that MNDOT share the extra costs the BRRWD has incurred regarding this dismissed project. The costs remaining after receipt of the \$10,000 petitioner's forfeited bond is \$4,582.53. To date, there has been no response.

Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention. The BRRWD has scheduled a meeting with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Riverton Township Supervisors on 6/12/07 at 8:30 PM regarding the proposal to install a spillway in their township road for the retention project. Albright and landowners Tim Pender discussed TNC's request for "no-build" easements for properties upstream of the retention area. Pender told Albright that the Township has a policy that requires new constructions to add fill to an elevation at or higher than T.H. 9. Wade Opsahl, Technician, is making progress on the Appraisers' Report. The Board would like to hold the Final Hearing in June. Jones plans to file a Joint Notification permit with the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) regarding wetland issues.

Project No. 57, Moorhead/I-94 Flood Control. Opsahl reported that the north end of Section 24, Moorhead Township, is underwater after the recent heavy rainfall. Manager Olson thought that the Clay County Ditch No. 41 cleanout helped the ditch handle the recent rainfall event.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Albright briefly reported on the progress of the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) appraisals, and the BWSR Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) easements. He noted that the current soil condition is extremely wet in the slough area.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) provided comments regarding their review of the Preliminary Construction plans.

Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries. Last week's heavy rainfall washed out the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) repair work that Dennis Drewes, Inc. just recently completed. The Board discussed contractor rates. They will consider hiring a contractor with lower rates to make the repairs.

Dave Janssen informed Albright that Whisky Creek washed out again across Bill Thompson's property. The Board felt that when the Nichol WRP project was completed, it should reduce flow to this area. The Vertin WRP site is working well. The impoundment site was full. East and west tributaries handled the increased flows well. Albright said that the Anderson dike repair also worked well.

Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68-City of Glyndon. Opsahl will try to inspect the project in the near future. He will contact the contractor if there is any cleanup work.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. The Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 5/30/07 at 1:30 PM in the Moorhead Police Department. Albright closed on the Howitson property today. He reported that we have two more closings coming up in June. We received \$100.00 from Rasmussen Farms for hay land rental. Jim Lakoduk, Pifers Auction and Realty, notified Albright that one of the auction sale buyers wants his money back. Lakoduk advised the Board not to set the precedent of returning payments. The Board agreed that the properties were bought "as is", and all sales were final.

The Board discussed how to handle mowing/weed control on the buyout properties. They felt the Steering Committee should discuss this issue at the 5/30/07 meeting.

Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet. The office has not received any more calls from the Turtle Lake landowners after the recent high water complaints. The lake elevation is slowly going down. It appears that the DNR Fisheries has decided not to use Long Lake for a walleye rearing pond this year, as no one has contacted the office in this regard.

Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes. Adam Grothmann, Northland Excavation, is nearly finished with the Butze ringdike project. The costs appear to be within the budget. H.E. has agreed to split the remaining \$4,022.16 cost overrun for the Mead ringdike with the BRRWD and Solveig Mead. They will pay \$1,340.72 to settle the outstanding balance on this project to help offset some of the costs to the participating parties. The office will send Mead a letter in this regard.

Jones is working on the revised plans for the Kragnes ringdike. Nelson questioned if we will be able to construct the project this year. Albright thought it could. Once H.E. completes their work, the Board will need to meet with MNDOT regarding their road concerns. The next step will be for the Appraisers to complete their work, and then the BRRWD will schedule a Final Hearing. Albright felt we could handle the project in the same way the Anderson Acres ringdike project was developed. Jones noted that he has a request in to MNDOT for information regarding their culvert/road alignment and clear zone concerns. Their requirements could affect the project cost. Jones felt he could have his report done by July.

Project No. 35, Clay County Ditch No. 47. After the recent heavy rainfall event, landowner Bob Videen removed a flapgate from one of the culverts under the OTV tracks along CSAH No. 52. Olson and Videen feel that the flapgates could stay off. Jones and Opsahl have a plan to operate the flapgates. Jones will prepare a letter with their proposal for the Board's review for the next meeting.

Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1). Rick Brakke has filed the petitioners' \$10,000 bond last week. Now the BRRWD can move forward with the development of the Branch No. 4 improvement/extension. The next step will be to authorize H.E. to develop the Preliminary Engineer's Report. The landowners have stressed that they want a simple/cost effective project. **Motion** by Nelson to authorize H.E. to prepare the Preliminary Engineer's Report. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

Project No. 27, Clay County Ditch No. 55. MNDOT held their preconstruction meeting for pipe jacking and ditch grading on this ditch system on 5/17/07. The work, which is scheduled to begin in June, will add two lines of 48" dia. pipe at a lower elevation on I-94 r-o-w. The Board wants Opsahl to be present when the culverts are installed to make sure they go in at the correct elevation. During construction, MNDOT will make sure the ditch is functioning when they leave the site at the end of the workday, or on the weekend. Nathan Gannon, Clay County Highway Department, inquired if it would be possible to install a single line of equivalent arch pipe in County Road (C.R.) No. 21 instead of the 2 lines of 48" dia. culvert per Jones' recommendation. Jones will work with the County regarding this option.

Mediation PT. The BRRWD will hold their next PT meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 7:30 PM in the MSUM Science Center near Glyndon. Notices will be sent.

Comprehensive Planning. The Comprehensive Planning completion deadline is June 30, 2007. The BRRWD has requested an extension to December 31, 2008. The Southern Region Planning meeting is scheduled for 6/26/07 at 7:30 PM in Hildebrand Hall, Assumption Catholic Church, Barnesville. Notices will be sent. Albright plans to schedule the last two regional meetings in July. Mark Deutschman, Maple

Grove H.E., is writing the plan. Deutschman would like to have the draft plan completed and ready for review by March 2008.

Clay County Ditch No. 34. Gary Smith has requested a new bridge or additional culverts along the west line of Section 18, Barnesville Township, in light of increased upstream drainage from the Whisky Creek Tributaries project.

Clay County Ditch No. 49. At the 5/14/07 meeting, the Board approved a motion to redetermine benefits for County Ditch No. 49 before we replace the five structures on this ditch system. H.E. has completed the r-o-w analysis for this process. Jones has determined that there is a 66' road r-o-w corridor (33' on each side of centerline). The County purchased an additional 16.5' of r-o-w corridor in 1945 for the ditch. Jones determined that the BRRWD will need to purchase an additional 13.7 acres of r-o-w on the south side of the ditch to establish the required grass bufferstrips. A bufferstrip will not be needed on the north side of the ditch, as there is a road running its entire length. Albright noted that some area landowners expressed concerns about the culvert replacement project at the Northern Planning Region meeting in Georgetown last week.

Becker County Ditch No. 5. Sellin Brothers, Inc., is ready to start the Froysland/Green dam repairs as soon as conditions permit. Mark Krieger is now also ready to start his repair project. Albright suggested that Opsahl contact Brad Grant, Becker SWCD, regarding wetland issues on the Krieger repair. H.E. will also need to contact neighboring landowners to sign spoil-leveling releases.

MAWD Summer Tour. The Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District is hosting the 2007 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Summer Tour on Thursday, June 28, through Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the Maplewood Inn, Maplewood, MN. The registration deadline is 6/15/07. The office has made the Managers' lodging reservations and will complete the Managers' tour reservations this week.

RRWMB Dispute Resolution. Albright noted that a response from the RRWMB should be coming in the near future.

2007 Ditch Spraying. Midwest Helicopter sent a letter regarding an increase in their rates. Opsahl will put together a map indicating what areas need to be sprayed.

Clay County Ditch No. 35. Mike Astrup filed a request for a repair investigation of the remaining four miles of County Ditch No. 35 that were not cleaned during the 2005 repair. The area lies along the north line of Section 24, Oakport Township, and the west lines of Sections 19, 20, and 31, Moland Township. If the survey shows that work is required, Astrup would like the repairs done yet this fall. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize H.E. to conduct the referenced investigation. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Wetland Credits. BWSR would like to purchase wetland credits from anyone who has some available for road project mitigation. The BRRWD will need our credits for upcoming projects.

FM MetroCOG Meeting. The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (FM MetroCOG) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10:00 PM in the COG Conference Room in Fargo. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to review the final draft of the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, etc.	Admin	\$ 100.00
J&J Braton Properties	June 2007 office rent	Admin	\$ 490.00
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	#29723, April billing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 21,698.09
Red River Valley Coop	4/10/07-5/11/07 service	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 349.48
Deluxe Business Checks	#24881338, 250 checks	Admin	\$ 98.98
John E. Hanson	Voucher #0707, 3/01-4/30/07	Varies	\$ 1,187.24
Clay Co. Auditor	Tax penalties	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 418.80
Mattson Excavating, Inc.	#87, spoil leveling/seeding	Pj. 23, Becker 15	\$ 1,000.00
Wilkin County Hwy. Dept.	ditch inspections	Wilkin 40, 41, 42, 43, 44	\$ 511.71
Brian Meyer	Whisky Crk erosion control	RRWMB-Const.	\$ 1,500.00
Farm & Home Publishers	#1350, 2007 Clay atlas	Admin	\$ 45.50
Assumption Catholic Church	6/19 & 6/26 rental fees	Grove Lake/RWMP	\$ 200.00
Dennis Drewes, Inc.	#121 Repairs	Pj. 54, Whisky Creek	\$ 40,328.29
Jet-Way, Inc.	#4624 Culvert cleaning	Pj. 54, Whisky Creek	\$ 3,048.75
Barnesville Phone Co.	6/15/07 billing	Admin	\$ 164.11
Roger Lundberg	5/22/07 billings-beaver	Pj. 31, Clay 16	\$ 965.53
Northern State Excavating	#391, Butze ringdike	Pj. 38, Ringdikes	\$ 8,907.50
MAWD	Summer Tour registrations	Admin	\$ 543.00
E. Robert Olson	#0709, 3/01/07-4/30/07	Varies	\$ 843.56
			\$ 82,400.54

Motion by Nelson to approve payment of the bills, pending availability of funds. The office will hold UEI's bill until we receive the DNR's 98% reimbursement for our Oakport project expenses. Ellefson questioned the bill from Wilkin County for ditch inspections. Albright will check with the County for details regarding these charges. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved**. Olson noted that 50th AVE along T.H. 75 in south Moorhead has some tree growth. He thought this area should be included in the ditch spraying work.

Next Meeting. The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2007, in the Barnesville office at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment. Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary