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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING

July 9, 2007

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, John E. Hanson, E. Robert Olson, and Curtis M. Nelson. Others attending included BRRWD Administrator Bruce E. Albright, Erik S. Jones, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.); and landowners Cecile Fetzer, Jessie Swanson, Jerry Skalicky, Raymond Heng, Brian Halverson, and Everett (Bud) Beckett.

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 6/25/07 regular meeting. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements, including the project account balance sheet, administrative disbursements, summary of income, and the Accounts Receivable report. Since the last meeting, we have received the 2007 property tax payment from Clay County. To date, we have not received Clay County's ditch tax proceeds. Albright will call Lori Johnson, Clay County Auditor, to find out when we should expect that payment. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forwarded reimbursement for the Howitson buyout associated with Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. Albright suggested that we repay the Burriss home buyout loan when we receive the DNR reimbursement for that Oakport expenditure, and that we pay off the remaining Midwest Bank note from the current BRRWD assets. Albright noted that the City of Moorhead's right-of-way (r-o-w) easement payment for Project No. 57, Moorhead/Interstate-94 (I-94) is on tonight's bill list.

The Board discussed scheduling the Annual Budget Hearing. Albright said he will be gone on 9/10/07, which is the traditional budget hearing date. The Managers agreed that they would like to have Albright present for the hearing. **Motion** by Olson to schedule the Annual Budget Hearing for 8/27/07. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.** The Board discussed landowner concerns about their 2007 tax assessments and the upcoming 2008 assessments. Olson requested that the office try to provide more specific individual ditch assessment information for the Board's review at the Budget Hearing. Ellefson pointed out that since we are no longer a Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) member, we don't have the resources available to "finance" ditch systems with negative account balances, as we did in the past. In 2007, we had to levy higher assessments than previous years so that those systems can catch up with their maintenance/interest costs. **Motion** by Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. Oakport Township landowners Jessie Swanson, Cecile Fetzer, and Jerry Skalicky expressed their concerns about the project. They are concerned about the dike alignment's affect on their property. Swanson was unhappy with the placement of the survey stakes on her driveway and garden. She was under the impression that the DNR was surveying the coulee area. Albright was not aware that the DNR was working in this area. However, Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) is conducting wetland delineations in the coulee area. Swanson felt that whoever is working on private property should contact the landowners to let them know what they are doing. She added that she felt the BRRWD's appraisal of her property was too low and she plans to get a second appraisal. Albright explained that the BRRWD will make the final decision about the dike alignment and plans to negotiate with individuals who have concerns about the dike placement. Swanson said that project development is taking too long and is very stressful for the landowners. Ellefson noted that the BRRWD understands the landowners' concerns. Albright pointed out that the decision to participate in the buyout rests solely with the individual landowners. He stressed that if the engineers verify that the project will not change the area water level elevations, the landowners have the right to stay in the area.

Fetzer was concerned about the impact of the flooding and wet weather patterns in the southern part of the United States. The Board assured her that the flooding in Texas would not impact the Red River of the North. Fetzer noted that the Red River is undercutting and sloughing on the Fischer property near Broadway. Albright noted that we had a meeting with the Fischer family last week regarding the dike alignment on their property, and no problems were noted.

Skalicky wanted information about the auction sale results. He felt the BRRWD had to address safety issues regarding the open basements on lots where the buyers have removed the houses. He thought that the BRRWD should erect signs and/or barricades around the open holes. He noted that Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has rules regarding site cleanup. Albright discussed the BRRWD's plans to complete the site demolition/restoration. Albright plans to meet with Property Manager Randy Rick this week, and they will discuss putting up private property signs and fencing around the open basements. Skalicky discussed his ongoing concerns about the project, and specifically the dike alignment. He was also displeased with his recent contact with the DNR. Skalicky was not satisfied with the appraisal he received for his property from the BRRWD. He is not willing to pay for another appraisal. He accused the BRRWD of withholding information regarding the project. Albright explained again that when we have a detailed dike alignment survey from UEI, the BRRWD plans to meet with the individual affected landowners regarding their concerns. Albright provided the landowners with a copy of UEI's weekly progress report.

Clay County Ditch Nos. 12 and 57. Everett Beckett provided photographs taken on 6/17/07 of the east end of Clay County Ditch No. 12. He discussed how County Ditch Nos. 12 and 57 functioned during the 2.5" rainfall event in Riverton Township. He was also concerned that the new County Ditch No. 57 culverts were standing half-full of water and that the force of the water could cause a breakout that would impact the Bouton Addition. Beckett left the photographs with the BRRWD. He felt The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has changed the upstream drainage patterns, which is the main cause of the ditch problems.

Project No. 27, Clay County Ditch No. 55. Landowners Brian Halverson and Raymond Heng discussed the proposed project to repair County Ditch No. 55 for the mile east of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MNDOT) project to directional bore one additional line of 48" dia. pipe through I-94 r-o-w. The landowners wanted assurance that the BRRWD still plans to follow through with project for their area. In October 2005, H.E. filed recommendations for this work, which included lowering and enlarging culverts along County Road (C.R.) No. 10 at a cost of approximately \$33,000. At the 6/25/07 BRRWD meeting, Ellefson thought that we could save the ditch system money if we just lowered the existing pipes and reduced the number and size of the new pipes. Halverson felt that the BRRWD should follow through with the engineer's recommendations. Manager Nelson agreed. A discussion followed regarding the culvert sizing. Raymond Heng was concerned that the project did not include a change for the 36" dia. culvert on the east end of the project in 140th ST S. He would like the BRRWD to lower and enlarge that culvert as well to improve his drainage for the S½SW¼, Section 21, Elkton Township. Albright explained that the ditch system ends on the line between Sections 20 and 21; however, he thought that Jones could review his recommendations regarding this culvert. There is a possibility that MNDOT's contractor, Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. (ECI), might be interested in completing these repairs for County Ditch No. 55. Opsahl will contact ECI in this regard. **Motion** by Nelson to approve the Clay County Ditch No. 55 repairs per Jones' 10/28/05 recommendations as a ditch system expense. Jones should also investigate Heng's concerns. The work should be done as soon as possible. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** H.E. will prepare a bid tabulation sheet and plans for the work east of I-94. The package will be mailed to area contractors.

In order to provide a better outlet for the new I-94 culverts, ECI cleaned County Ditch No. 55 from I-94 west to C.R. 21. Opsahl approved the work, and their invoice for \$2,200 is on tonight's bill list.

Business brought before the Board included:

Permit Nos. 06-77 and 07-09 Robert Norby. Olson talked with Norby today regarding his two permit applications. Norby indicated that he didn't plan to do the work this year. The Board decided to withdraw the applications. **Motion** by Olson to administratively withdraw Permit Nos. 06-77 and 07-09. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-31, Howard Pender, Jr. Manager Olson and Wade Opsahl, Technician, H.E., conducted a field review on 7/06/07 of Pender's proposal to install an approach/culvert in the southeast corner of Section 25, Elkton Township, to improve field drainage and provide field access. Pender wants this crossing so he can install a flapgate on the south end of the proposed culvert. This will keep water from draining north and across his field to the west. Olson questioned the purpose of the project, but noted that it would not affect adjacent property. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-31, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit Nos. 07-34, Chris Noben, and 07-36, Tom Herfindahl. Herfindahl 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's renter, Chris Noben, filed Permit No. 07-34 to install tiling in Section 12, Cuba Township. The Board discussed these projects and felt the neighbors should work together to coordinate their tile drainage, which eventually outlets to Becker County Ditch No. 15. Manager Hanson and Opsahl will schedule a field meeting in the near future with Chris Noben, Tom

Herfindahl, Clifford Ernst, and Jeff Norby, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), regarding these adjacent projects. Hanson noted that he will be gone from 7/13/07 to 7/27/07.

Permit No. 07-40, Ronald Jerger. Manager Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07 of Jerger's proposal to construct an 18" to 24" high berm along the east side of his property in the NW¼, Section 32, Atherton Township, Wilkin County. The proposed berm would be along the west side of a ditch located on the quarterline. Ellefson felt that the work could back up water into the neighboring landowner's farmstead. **Tabled** pending more information from Jerger about how the dike will function. Perhaps, some survey elevations will need to be taken.

Permit No. 07-49, Brian Halvorson. Applicant proposes to improve drainage from a natural low spot in his field in the SE¼, Section 30, Elkton Township, Clay County, by deepening the existing field lateral, which drains north and west. Sharon Lean, District Conservationist, NRCS, has approved the proposed work. Manager Olson and Opsahl field reviewed the application on 7/06/07 and found no problems with the proposal. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-49. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-41, Randall Scheidecker. Applicant proposes to install an approximately 1' high x 250' long berm paralleling Tally-Ho Road (130th ST S) along the front of his lot in the SW¼, Section 8, Riverton Township, Clay County, to protect his trees and yard from flooding. Water backs out of the road ditch into his yard. Manager Olson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07 and found no problems with the proposed work. Olson questioned if the work would remedy Scheidecker's problem. He noted that the project will not affect neighboring property. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-41, subject to Township approval to work within their r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-42, Greg Anderson. Applicant proposes to construct a berm along the north side of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 30 in the SE¼, Section 29, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, and redirect his field drainage to the north by cutting/improving a field ditch to drain the area directly into the South Branch of the Buffalo River. Anderson will use the spoil from the ditch work to fill his low areas along CSAH No. 30. Anderson claims that excess water in the road ditch backs into his field. The berm would keep the upstream drainage in the road ditch, and by redirecting his field drainage to the northwest, current drainage problems along CSAH No. 30 should also be reduced. His elevation survey shows that field drainage will flow northwest to the South Branch of the Buffalo River. Manager Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review of the proposed project on 7/06/07. Ellefson felt that diverting Anderson's field drainage to the north would be beneficial for the local drainage area, but he was concerned that a berm might redirect more water west into the downstream area that is already too wet. The Board discussed area drainage patterns. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 07-42, subject to County approval to work within their road r-o-w. In addition, Anderson should contact Wilkin County Planning and Zoning to check their regulations regarding dike heights. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-43, Dan Solum. Applicant proposes to install a field approach and culvert (24" dia. x 20' long) in the southeast corner of Section 18, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. The work will provide field access. Solum noted that he would be interested in a longer culvert if one were available. Manager Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07. Ellefson felt that the BRRWD

could install an inlet culvert to drain the southeast corner of Section 18 into Wilkin County Ditch No. 42 as a ditch system expense. He questioned if Solum would prefer a field entrance further north at a higher point in the field. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 07-43, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-46, Brad Pake. Applicant proposes to install 159 acres of patterned tiling with two 15" dia. outlets into Clay County Ditch No. 5 in the NW¹/₄, Section 5, Morken Township, Clay County, to improve crop production. Manager Olson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07, and found no problems with the proposal. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-46, subject to the applicant agreeing to restore the ditch bank. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-48, City of Barnesville. Applicant proposes to fill a ditch along the east side of 13th ST NE between 2nd AVE SE and 2nd AVE NE. The City will install a 24" dia. culvert in the ditch bottom to provide drainage. They will maintain a shallow swale over the top of the pipe with a catch basin for the local drainage. The 24" dia. culvert will be extended north of 2nd AVE NE to drain into the City's storm sewer. Manger Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07 and found no problems with the installation. The City is already working on this project. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 07-48, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-50, Frank Schindler. Applicant proposes to install an approach with a 24" dia. x 50' long culvert in the southwest corner of the SE¹/₄, Section 33, Barnesville Township, Clay County, off from 180th AVE S. The existing approach is not adequate to accommodate beet trucks. Barnesville Township has already approved this proposal. Manager Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07 and found no problems with the project. Ellefson noted that the ditch is quite shallow and any water that would be restricted by the new culvert would run out into Schindler's field. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 07-50, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-51, Mike Lewis. Applicant has installed a 60" dia. culvert on the west side of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 in an existing ditch/waterway in the NE¹/₄, Section 2, Barnesville Township, Clay County, to gain access to his field on west side of ditch. Manager Olson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07. The existing culvert through T.H. 9 is 60" x 46" corrugated metal arch pipe (CMP-A) with 15.6 square feet (sq. ft.) of waterway area. Lewis installed a 60" dia. CMP with 19.6 sq. ft. waterway area. The neighboring landowner was concerned that the new culvert might restrict drainage, causing it to back up onto his property. Olson felt the larger downstream culvert should alleviate the neighbor's concerns. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-51. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-52, EID-Fischer. Applicant proposes to build an access road with a 12" dia. culvert to access Lots 4 and 5 in the Southeast Main Business Park along CSAH No. 52. Manager Olson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07. Olson noted that the area drains into the City's storm sewer through two different inlets. The proposed crossing would be between these two inlets and will handle a limited amount of water. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 07-52, subject to City of Moorhead approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-54, City of Moorhead. Applicant proposes to construct underground utilities including watermain, sanitary and storm sewers, as well as street grading and paving for the Comstock's Fifth Addition, located in the NE¼, Section 20, Moorhead Township. The stormwater detention pond is sized to accommodate a 30-acre portion of the Fifth Addition. This area will drain via a stormsewer into the new detention pond, which is sized to handle the 100-year rainfall event with 2.3' of additional freeboard. Water from the pond will be metered into the 30th AVE storm sewer system via a 24" dia. reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) outlet pipe. The detention pond will have 9.38 acre-feet of storage. Post project discharges should be less than the existing conditions' peak runoff rates. **Tabled** pending receipt of the design plans from the City of Moorhead, and Jones' review and recommendations.

Permit No. 07-55, Detroit Lakes WMD/USFWS. Applicant proposes that the BRRWD issue a "generic" permit for wetland restorations within the BRRWD with the following guidelines: 1. The Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District (WMD)/United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) agrees to provide the BRRWD with a full account of the restorations after construction is completed; 2. No wetlands shall be restored under this permit that are either co-owned, occur on a major drainage, or have watersheds greater than 100 acres; and 3. Wetland restorations are constructed using only simple earthen ditch fills in which the material for the ditch fill is excavated from within the basin (where possible). **Tabled** pending a meeting with the Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD) to discuss USFWS wetland restoration permitting. The BRRWD and the WRWD would like to have mutual agreement on USFWS projects. Since the two districts border each other, we feel that it would be beneficial to have similar "generic" permits.

Permit No. 07-57, Dennis Sobotzak. Applicant proposes to install an approach/driveway with a 24" dia. culvert in the NW¼, Section 33, Humboldt Township, Clay County, approximately 100 yards north of an existing driveway off from 200th ST S. The approach will provide access to a new home Sobotzak's son is planning to build in this location. Manager Ellefson and Opsahl conducted a field review on 7/06/07 and found no problems with this request. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 07-57, subject to Township approval to work within their road r-o-w. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Permit No. 07-58, City of Moorhead. Applicant proposes to enlarge the existing stormwater detention pond for the Stonemill Estates First Addition in the NE¼, Section 29, Moorhead Township. The excavation will provide approximately 30,000 cubic yards (cy) of material, which will be used for borrow at the Trollwood Performing Arts Center along 50th AVE S. The project will provide stormwater treatment and mitigate peak runoff from the Stonemill Addition housing development. **Tabled** pending Jones' review and recommendation.

Minch Lawsuit. Based on attorney/client privilege, and in accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Board went into closed session at 10:08 PM to discuss the status of the lawsuit. At 10:15 PM, the Board reopened the meeting.

Tande Drainage Concern. Albright reported that Rodney Wyland was recently in the office regarding the status of a project to address the Buffalo River flooding problems in Sections 5 and 6, Riverton Township, Clay County. To date, there has been no response from the Girtten family regarding the drainage problems associated with their property in Section 5, Riverton Township. Albright noted that this issue will be discussed further at the Mainstem Region Comprehensive Planning meeting on 7/31/07 in Hawley.

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. Hartke called the office today indicating that he would return the signed application in the near future.

Grove Lake Outlet. On 6/28/07, Albright, Jones, and Gene Prim, conducted an area field review on Prim's property on the south side of Maple Lake, adjacent to Kern Kuhlmann's property. Prim feels that Maple Lake is about 3'-4' above its normal elevation. At the 6/19/07 informational meeting, Kuhlmann expressed concerns about a project that would drain water from Grove Lake to Maple Lake. Kuhlmann would not allow H.E. to access his property last winter to conduct a survey of the Maple Lake outlet. It will be difficult to address Kuhlmann's drainage problems (beaver dams, blockages, etc.) without surveying his property. Albright noted that the Maple Lake outlet will definitely need work before we can drain Grove Lake. Albright and Nelson will try to meet with Kuhlmann tomorrow to discuss his concerns.

Mike Haugrud contacted the office regarding the recent death of an area landowner whose property the BRRWD had proposed to cross for the Grove Lake outlet. Haugrud suggested that we could place the outlet on his property to avoid complications/delays regarding estate issues. The Board discussed construction alternatives. Jones suggested that we could possibly drain water north out of Maple Lake to Whisky Lake with a culvert through the road, which would bypass Kuhlmann's property.

Albright noted that he tried to contact Ed Fick, FDR Hydrologist, DNR Waters, today regarding possible project funding, but he could not reach him.

Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11-North-Improvement. Albright contacted the project petitioner, Kevin Olsgaard, to increase his bond to \$20,000. Olsgaard called the office last week to get our fax number so the insurance company could send us documentation regarding the bond increase. To date, we have not received confirmation from the insurance company.

Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention. The BRRWD has scheduled the Final Hearing for Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Jones has contacted Mike Michlovic, Archeologist, Minnesota State University Moorhead, to do a narrow scope archeological review of the area with test pits to address the Minnesota Historical Society concerns that there may be unreported archeology sites in the area. The cost estimate for Michlovic's review is \$2,000 to \$2,500. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize Michlovic to conduct the archeological review per the referenced bid. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

Project No. 57, Moorhead/I-94 Flood Control. As noted during the Treasurer's Report, the City of Moorhead's r-o-w easement payment is on tonight's bill list. The easement still needs to be recorded.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Work continues on the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and DNR appraisals for the Holubok property, purchased by the BRRWD. The next step will be to prepare landowner easement options.

Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries. Work is still pending on the Nichol WRP project, located in Section 21, Humboldt Township, Clay County, because of the wet conditions. Darwin Temanson, Dirtworks, is the project contractor.

Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68-City of Glyndon. Opsahl has prepared a cleanup list for the contractor, Ronald Erdman, with items to be completed in order to finalize the contract. Erdman called the office to question his responsibility for this work. Opsahl also included two additional repair items for the project, and asked Erdman for a bid to do this work.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. Olson felt that we should address the open basement issue immediately. The Board discussed the landowners' concerns about their contact with the DNR.

Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet. The Turtle Lake Association Annual Picnic is scheduled for 7/21/07 at 11:00 AM. Albright will be unable to attend. Managers Nelson and Ellefson agreed to attend the picnic. The office will prepare the annual report regarding project operations for the Managers to present at the picnic. Turtle Lake's elevation today is 1362.3, or approximately 1' above the DNR's amended Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation.

Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes. Solveig Mead has agreed to H.E.'s offer to split the remaining \$4,022.16 cost overrun for her ringdike with Mead and the BRRWD. We would each pay \$1,340.72 to settle the outstanding balance on this project and help offset some of the costs to the participating parties. Mead indicated that she would make her payment before the end of the month.

Jones filed the revised plan for the Kragnes Ringdike. The project is comprised of two separate dikes. One dike would be for "A Friend's House", formerly called the White House, north of CSAH No. 5 and east of T.H. 75 and C.R. 96. The cost of this segment of the project is estimated to be approximately \$78,000. It would provide protection to the 100-year base flood elevation plus 1' of freeboard. The other dike would be for the "Wedge", located on land surrounded by C.R. 96, CSAH No. 26, and T.H. 75. Jones noted that the two major concerns related to this ringdike are providing for MNDOT clearzone requirements for T.H. 75 and avoiding the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad track embankment. BNSF has indicated that they will not allow their track embankment to be part of the ringdike. The ringdike design incorporates procedures to avoid both areas of concern. An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan will be developed to handle gate closure on the "Wedge" ringdike. The owner of "A Friend's House" could operate the gate in that dike. Overland flooding from the Buffalo River would trigger gate closure. Jones explained that the ringdike would not be certified. Internal drainage could be handled with pumps in the low spots and with gated culverts. The Board discussed the revised plan. Albright will schedule a meeting with the Appraisers as soon as possible.

Project No. 35, Clay County Ditch No. 47. Albright reported that according to Minnesota Highway Statutes, since the City of Moorhead will assume the costs to reroute Ditch No. 47 in conjunction with their 34th ST interchange project, our project can be developed under a separate statute. The BRRWD will only have to hold one hearing, and H.E. will be able to combine the Preliminary Engineer's Report and the Final Engineer's Report into one document.

Jones reported that Otto's Welding plans to install a load binder this week on one of the six culverts located under the Otter Tail Valley Railroad tracks along CSAH No. 52 to try to open the flapgates. Landowner Bob Videen has had ongoing concerns regarding the flapgates' operation.

Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek Levees. Albright notified Lloyd Scheffler that the Board authorized H.E. to develop a plan to restore the original creek channel along Scheffler's property. Albright will coordinate the work with Terry Lejcher, Area Hydrologist, DNR. The DNR has allowed similar work in other locations along the levee system.

Jones prepared a letter regarding Wes Anderson's concerns that the road ditch along his farmstead does not drain properly because of the flapgates located one mile north of his property on the levee system. H.E.'s survey shows that his farmstead is about 10' higher than the flapgate elevation. There are also several high spots in the ditch between his farmstead and the flapgate that may need to be cleaned. Jones felt that the levee system is not affecting Anderson's property.

Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1). Jones is working on the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Branch No. 4 Improvement/Extension.

Mediation Project Team (PT). The BRRWD will hold their next PT meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at 7:30 PM in the MSUM Science Center near Glyndon. Notices will be sent. The annual Fall Tour is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007.

Comprehensive Planning. The Southern Region planning meeting was held on 6/26/07. The BRRWD has scheduled the Central Region planning meeting for 7/19/07 at 7:30 PM in Hildebrand Hall, Barnesville and the Mainstem Region planning meeting on 7/31/07 at 7:30 PM in the Hawley Community Center. BWSR has approved our request to extend the planning grant deadline to 12/31/08. Mark Deutschman, Maple Grove H.E., is making progress on writing the Plan. Once the Regional meetings are completed, the BRRWD will schedule meetings this fall with the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)/Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to identify regional problems and solutions.

Clay County Ditch No. 35. Earlier this year, 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. At the last meeting, the Board reviewed Jones' recommendations. Albright has forwarded the report to Astrup for his review. To date, there has been response.

Clay County Repair Project. Clay County is planning a project to regrade C.R. 11 from C.R. 18 to C.R. 26 where the road crosses the Buffalo River. SFR Consulting has requested comments regarding this proposed project. Albright commented that because the Buffalo River is DNR protected waters, a DNR permit would be required to replace this bridge. BRRWD Rules would apply to the portions of Clay County Ditch Nos. 3 and 65 within the project area.

Greg Berg Drainage Concern. H.E. has completed the survey for Greg Berg regarding his concerns about drainage problems on his 40 acre pasture south of Barnesville on the east side T.H. 9 in the SW¼, Section 25, Barnesville Township, west of the City's lagoons. The Board discussed the survey results and project costs. Albright will forward a copy of the survey to Berg for his review.

Wilkin County Ditch No. 44. Landowner Terry Czichotzki filed a ditch repair request for one mile of the County Ditch No. 44 in Section 12. Opsahl prepared a report with repair recommendations. **Tabled** pending Manager field review.

Maple River Dam Dedication. Manager Nelson and Albright will attend the dedication ceremony for this project in Cass County, North Dakota, on July 17, 2007, at 2:30 PM.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
Barnesville Record-Review	Southern Region RWMP notice	RWMP	\$ 96.00
Becker SWCD	Boyer Lake erosion	RRWMB-Const.	\$ 4,856.00
City of Glyndon	8/14/07 Community Center rent	Pj. 58, Riverton	\$ 30.00
City of Moorhead	R/W payment	Pj. 57, Moorhead/I-94	\$ 23,445.00
Clay Co. Auditor	Becker Co bond sale collections	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 8,785.95
Curtis M. Nelson	Voucher #07-13, 5/01-6/30/07	Varies	\$ 1,909.09
E. Robert Olson	Voucher #07-14, 5/01-6/30/07	Varies	\$ 831.15
ECI	#07-04.1, ditch repair	Pj. 27, Clay 55	\$ 2,200.00
Gerald L. VanAmburg	Voucher #0715, 5/01-6/30/07	Varies	\$ 1,375.65
H&S Contracting, Inc.	#6384, repairs	Pj. 36, Clay 41-Lat. 2	\$ 5,291.53
H.E.	June billing summary	Varies-see atch.	\$ 102,079.54
ICS Agency, Inc.	#36636, bond renewal	Admin	\$ 208.00
IRS	2nd Qtr. Form 941-V	Admin	\$ 707.63
John E. Hanson	Voucher #07-12, 5/01-6/30/07	Varies	\$ 1,618.86
Midwest Bank	Loan #3700623 payoff	Pj. 56, Manston/Int. Exp.	\$ 125,459.31
Northern States Excavating	#396, mowing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 390.00
Northern States Excavating	#395, Butze ringdike	Pj. 38, Ringdikes	\$ 1,915.50
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, etc.	Admin	\$ 300.00
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-6-07	Admin	\$ 31.77
Randy Rick	June property manager fees	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 300.00
Red River Basin Commission	First 1/2 allocation	M.S.A. 103D.905	\$ 12,500.00
River Keepers	First 1/2 allocation	M.S.A. 103D.905	\$ 20,000.00
Roger G. Ellefson	Voucher #07-11, 5/01-6/30/07	Varies	\$ 815.24
WREC	5/20/07-6/17/07 service	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 180.37
			\$ 315,326.59

Motion by Nelson to approve payment of the bills, pending availability of funds. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Next Meeting. The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, July 23, 2007, in the Barnesville office at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment. Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary