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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING
September 8, 2008

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Roger G. Ellefson, Curtis M. Nelson, John E. Hanson, Gerald L. VanAmburg, and E. Robert Olson. Others attending included: Erik S. Jones, Wade Opsahl, and Julie Jerger, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.).

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

Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements, including the project account balance sheet, administrative disbursements, summary of income, and the accounts receivable report. Jerger noted that all the accounts are balanced, and we have $777,390.70 on hand. Motion by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Olson. Approved.

Other business brought before the Board included:

Permit No. 07-51, Mike Lewis. At our 7/14/08 meeting, the Board agreed to schedule a meeting with Lewis to discuss the culvert he installed on the west side of T.H. 9 in the NE¼, Section 2, Barnesville Township, Clay County. Neighboring landowner Ronald Erdman feels that the culvert will cause problems, as it is undersized, crushed in the middle, and in a poor location. Last fall, the Board had agreed to monitor the culvert this spring to see how it functioned during runoff. To date, a meeting with Lewis has not been scheduled. The Board discussed the possibility of using one of the two used pipes that Otter Tail Valley (OTV) Railroad removed as part of their project on Wilkin County Ditch No. 43 near Lawndale.

Permit No. 07-130, Harmen Tande. On 6/24/08, Albright and Managers Hanson, Olson, and Nelson met on site with landowners Harmen Tande and Gaylen Dick to discuss Tande's request to remove an approach on the north line of Sections 5 and 6, Riverton Township. Dick was interested in exploring the option of petitioning for a legal ditch system in this area. Tabled. Albright plans to send the landowners information about the petition process.

Permit No. 08-05, Lynn Brakke. Applicant proposes a number of culvert/ditch changes for Sections 2, 3, and 10, Wolverton Township, Wilkin County, on an old Soil Conservation Service ditch. The Board met with the affected parties on 4/28/08 to discuss this request. Paul Israelson, Wolverton Township, felt that the ditch along 110th ST in Section 3 is already too deep, is difficult to maintain, and poses road safety/slide concerns. Albright plans to redraft the survey per Israelson's ideas, and send the new plan to the affected landowners for further discussion/consideration. Tabled.

Permit No. 08-30, Scott VanWechel. Applicant proposes to install a larger culvert along County Road (C.R.) No. 11 in a crossing between NW¼ and the SW¼, Section 12, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08. Nelson noted that there is a washout on the field approach. He agreed that the culvert should be replaced, but questioned upsizing the structure because of the downstream water problems in the northwest corner of Section 12. Albright and Manager Ellefson also plan to conduct a field review to determine if a larger culvert could be installed. Tabled.
Permit No. 08-57, Brad Olek. Applicant proposes to install 80 acres of patterned tiling in the N½NE¼, Section 3, Morken Township, Clay County, to increase crop production. Ellingson Companies provided the project design. The project will outlet to Clay County Ditch No. 5. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08. Nelson noted that the tile will drain directly to Clay County Ditch No. 5 and found no problems with the request. Motion by Olson to approve Permit No. 08-57. Seconded by VanAmburg. Approved.

Permit No. 08-62, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT). Applicant proposes to mill and overlay the east and west bound lanes on Interstate-94 (I-94) between Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 336 and the Red River of the North. The work will include culvert repairs/replacements. Tabled pending Jones’ review and recommendations.

Permit No. 08-71, M & J Farms, Inc. Applicant proposes to restore eight drained wetlands on 138.8 acres in the SW¼, Section 30, Highland Township, Clay County. The property in question has been enrolled in the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). When the wetlands were drained, downstream landowners filed complaints about the ditches. By restoring the wetlands, it should benefit the downstream area. All of the water from this tract goes south on the east side of the township road through a culvert towards the Buffalo River. Opsahl and Manager Olson conducted a field review on 9/04/08 and found no problems with the proposal. Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 08-71. Seconded by Olson. Approved.

Permit No. 08-72, Jerry Janssen. Applicant proposes to install drain tile in Sections 3 and 4, Humboldt Township, and a tile replacement project in the NE¼, Section 26, Skree Township. The tiling will all outlet to either Stony Creek, wetlands, or grassed waterways on Janssen’s property. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08, and found problems with the proposal. Motion by Nelson to approve Permit No. 08-72. Seconded by VanAmburg. Approved.

Permit No. 08-73, William Austin. Applicant proposes patterned tiling in the SW¼, Section 16, Elkton Township, Clay County. The contractor will prepare the design. Most of the water will drain north through 85th AVE S to a natural waterway in the SW¼NW¼, Section 16, where it will eventually drain in a grassed waterway to Clay County Ditch No. 58. Some of the water in the southwest corner may have to drain south along 140th ST S to either Clay County Ditch No. 55 or C.R. 10. The work will lower the water table, improve crop production, and address saline issues. To date, Austin has not provided a plan. Jerger noted that Austin called the office today to report that the adjacent downstream landowner, Dave Schroeder, gave permission for the work. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08. It appears that there could be downstream concerns, as the area where the water will drain south already has flooding problems. Motion by Nelson to table Permit No. 08-73, pending receipt of the project plan. Seconded by Hanson. Tabled.

Permit No. 08-74, John Steffl. Applicant proposes to install a system of water and sediment control basins in Section 9, Callaway Township, Becker County. The existing area drainage pattern will not change. The Becker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) designed the project. Motion by Hanson to approve Permit No. 08-74. Seconded by VanAmburg. Approved.

Permit No. 08-75, Ronald Wang. Applicant proposes to install an 18" dia. culvert with flapgate in the southeast corner of Section 9, Moland Township, Clay County, to drain water south along the east side of 90th ST N directly into County Ditch No. 3. He also proposes to regrade the ditch along the north side of C.R. 93 (70th AVE N) from his driveway east to County Ditch No. 3. The work could include lowering the existing culvert on the quarterline about 1’. Opsahl and Manager Olson conducted a field review on 9/04/08 and found no problems with the proposal. The area is assessed to County Ditch No. 3, and since all the work is on the applicant’s property, no other land is directly impacted.
In conjunction with this application, Wang has also requested the installation of a field inlet culvert/flapgate in the southeast corner of Section 9, through C.R. 93. H.E. recommended an 18" dia. x 68' corrugated metal pipe (CMP) with a flapgate. The Opinion of Probable Cost is $2,000 - $2,500 for material and installation. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 08-75 and the Clay County Ditch No. 3 culvert/approach installation, which will be a ditch system expense. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 08-76, John Ready.** Applicant proposes to install an approach with an 18" dia. culvert off from C.R. 11 (70th ST S) south of the existing farmstead driveway in the N½NE¼, Section 19, Alliance Township, Clay County. The wider driveway will allow semi-trailers to access his grain bins. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08 and found no problems with the proposal. **Motion** by Nelson to approve Permit No. 08-76, subject to County approval to work within their road right-of-way (r-o-w). **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 08-77, Frank Schindler.** In accordance with a 3/28/07 H.E. analysis, applicant proposes to replace a 36" dia. CMP in 140th ST S, between Sections 32 and 33, Barnesville Township, Clay County, with a 48" dia. CMP. The work will increase the combined waterway area from 16.3 square feet (sq. ft.) to 24.0 sq. ft. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 9/05/08. The Board discussed downstream landowner concerns about the 2007 H.E. recommendations, which also included recommendations to enlarge the culverts between Sections 33 and 34 in C.R. 21. **Motion** by Nelson to table Permit No. 08-77, subject to further discussion. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 08-78, Stuart Nichol.** Applicant proposes to install irregular tiling on his property in Sections 22, 23, and 27, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County, to improve crop productivity, lower the water table, and improve soil salinity problems. The work in Section 23 drains directly to Wilkin County Ditch No. 13. The tiling in Section 27 will drain through the township road to a gravel pit on Nichol's property. Nichol uses this water for irrigation. The tiling in Section 22 will drain west along the township road and eventually outlet to Wilkin County Ditch No. 5A, to which it is assessed. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review and noted that water from the NE¼, Section 22, will have to travel two miles to County Ditch No. 5A. While the road ditch appears to drain well, the other tile outlets are closer to outlets that are more adequate. **Motion** by Nelson to table this request, pending further review. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Tabled.**

**Permit No. 08-79, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes to install an 18" dia. x 34' CMP in C.R. 68 in Section 10, Elmwood Township, Clay County. The existing reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) is damaged, and the approach is eroded. Opsahl and Manager Olson conducted a field review and found no problems with the proposal. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 08-79. **Seconded** by Olson. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 08-80, Keith Fischer.** Applicant proposes to install a 24" dia. culvert/approach in the W½W¼, Section 25, and the NE¼, Section 26, Moland Township, Clay County, to allow field access from the north end of his property. Opsahl and Manager Olson conducted the field review on 9/04/08. The work is already completed, and no problems were noted. **Motion** by Olson to approve Permit No. 08-80. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 08-81, Tom Herfindahl.** Applicant proposes to install 23 acres of patterned tiling in the SE¼, Section 20, Cuba Township, Becker County. All of the area will eventually drain to Stinking Lake. Opsahl and Manager Olson conducted the field review on 9/04/08 and found no problems with the proposal. VanAmburg questioned if the tiling drained directly to the lake. He was concerned about water quality issues. Opsahl noted that there is a series of wetlands between the project and the lake. **Motion** by Hanson to approve Permit No. 08-81. **Seconded** by Nelson. **Approved.**
Ross Aigner Tiling. Aigner filed two drainage permits today. The first permit is to install patterned tiling in the NE¼, Section 9, Manston Township, Wilkin County, on property owned by Edward Haick. This project will include the installation of a control box to retain subsurface water. The other permit is for a culvert installation in the SE¼, Section 1, Roberts Township, Wilkin County, to drain storm water away from his new house. Tabled, pending further review.

Minch/Johnson Lawsuits. The Minch Court of Appeals trial is scheduled for 9/18/08.

Grove Lake Outlet. Jones reported that Albright toured the lake area with Terry Lejcher, Area Hydrologist, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Albright also met with Kent Lokkesmoe, DNR Waters, on 9/04/08 regarding various projects’ funding. Jones prepared an updated cost estimate for the project. He allowed some funding for beaver control on the Maple Lake outlet. Jones plans to file the Engineer's Report at the 9/22/08 meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of using one of the two used pipes that OTV Railroad removed as part of their project on County Ditch No. 43 near Lawndale for the Lass driveway. Jones noted that he would like to get started on the joint notification and the stormwater permit applications. Motion by VanAmburg to authorize H.E. to submit the Local/State/Federal application for the Grove Lake Outlet project. Seconded by Hanson. Approved.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about the project design, including fish passage and beaver control. Jones noted that he is considering the use of an inline water level control structure for Grove Lake. He provided a handout for the Board to review, illustrating the various control structure features/models. H.E. continues to work on developing the construction plans, operation plan, and checking on the required permits. Opsahl noted that the Appraisers have started their work. The Board would like to schedule a hearing for some time in October.

Friederichs Diking Complaint. At the 6/13/08 special BRRWD meeting, Tom Friederichs made a formal complaint about a dike that a neighbor installed several years ago in the NE¼, Section 18, Elkton Township, Clay County. The survey that the Board authorized at their 6/23/08 meeting apparently shows that the dike could be holding back a small amount of water, but Friederichs also has two other outlets for his water. Tabled.

Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin J.D. 1-Branch 4-Improvement/Extension. The Board opened bids for this project on 8/25/08. The apparent low bidder is William Nichol Excavating, Fargo, ND, with their bid of $43,865.20. H.E. reviewed and tabulated the bids and found no problems. The Board discussed awarding the contract. Jones also prepared a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Storm Water permit application for the Board's signature. Motion by Nelson to award the contract to William Nichol Excavating, Inc., and to authorize Ellefson to sign the MPCA permit application on behalf of the Board. Seconded by VanAmburg. Olson questioned awarding the construction contract before the Briks appeal is settled. He suggested that the motion include language referencing the Briks appeal. The Board had an extended discussion regarding this issue. Nelson decided to withdraw his motion. Jones pointed out that no work will start until next week at the earliest. We also have to hold a preconstruction meeting and issue the Notice to Proceed. The Board agreed that the Briks appeal should be resolved before construction starts. Motion by Hanson to award the construction contract to William Nichol Excavating, Inc. Seconded by VanAmburg. Approved. Ellefson called for a motion to authorize signing of the MPCA permit application. Motion by VanAmburg to authorize Ellefson to sign the MPCA Storm Water permit application on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Nelson. Approved.

Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11-N. Clay County is designing the project and cost estimates, which includes improvement of County Ditch No. 11N and the relocation of CSAH No. 8, and the BRRWD plans to hold a ditch hearing this winter with construction in 2009. The project design will include John Leseth's bridge replacement. Leseth has agreed to contribute $7,000 to the costs for his
crossing associated with the project. The BRRWD and Clay County would both pay $26,500 to the bridge replacement project. To date, we are waiting for the Clay County Highway Committee's formal approval of the cost sharing agreement.

**Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention.** Opsahl submitted the weekly project report for the Riverton project. The site is still very wet with poor drying conditions. Nanik Construction continues to strip the north borrow area and started building the north side of the embankment. Opsahl noted that more excavation was needed for the stripping than anticipated. He will adjust the quantities accordingly. The office sent a billing to DNR with a revised cost estimate. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) easement was forwarded to Clay County to be recorded.

**Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration.** Steve Holubok has until 10/01/08 to remove any buildings he wants from the Holubok farmstead. The WRP and Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) paperwork is signed, and program payments to the BRRWD are on hold, until the Holubok buildings are removed.

**Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68.** Bill Davis and Archie Tanner have requested the Board to investigate the resizing of culverts west of T.H. 9 upstream of Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68, to address flooding/erosion problems east of Glyndon. The Board plans to field review the area and make recommendations.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** The office will prepare a pay request to the DNR for general expenses. Albright discussed the project with Kent Lokkesmoe on 9/04/08. Opsahl reported that the Appraisers' Report is nearing completion. Another meeting will be scheduled in the next week or two. The Board briefly discussed the Sieben property appraisal. Guy Miller has the appraisal for review and comparison. He also finished the Buckman and Newland appraisals and will forward them to the office this week. Albright still has to schedule a meeting with the Fischer family regarding how the project will affect their property. The Engineer's Report was sent out for advisory comments. The next step will be to schedule an Open House and Final Hearing. Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) also wants a meeting set up with Vogel Law Firm to discuss land acquisition (easements/purchase/condemnation).

**Project No. 47, Clay County Ditch No. 53.** The office received signed Permission to Level Ditch Spoil forms from the adjacent landowners for the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2006 flood repair work on the north line of Section 22, Holy Cross Township, paralleling C.R. 58. The office also sent a sample permanent easement agreement for additional permanent r-o-w to landowner Ed Askegaard for his review. Askegaard has indicated that the easement value of $2,000 is too low. Albright will schedule a meeting with Askegaard to discuss this issue when he returns from vacation.

**Project No. 46, Turtle Lake Outlet.** Homeowner Dawn Morgan called the office several times with drainage concerns about her neighbor's lot where the owners, Jeffrey and Susan Trosen, plan to build a new house. Trosen sent the office a copy of his stormwater/erosion control plan, which was forwarded to Morgan. To date, she has not called back.

**Project No. 38, Farmstead Ringdikes.** Opsahl sent Gary Olson the cost estimate information from Ziegler Construction regarding his proposed ringdike. Olson will contact the BRRWD if he decides to move forward with the project. The BRRWD did receive Contract No. BO5934, dated 9/04/07, from the DNR for $20,000 to construct a farmstead ringdike in 2008. The grant will expire on 6/30/09. To date, there has been no response from Butze regarding his final 2007 ringdike payment.

We are still waiting for Burlington Northern/Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad to return their signed license agreement for the Kragnes Ringdike project. The Board has scheduled a 9/22/08 bid letting for the Kragnes project. The Clay County Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss the Conditional Use
Permit (CUP) for the Kragnes Ringdike on 9/16/08. Opsahl plans to attend on behalf of the Board. Albright needs to prepare the easement agreement for the homeowner in the southwest corner of the project. Wet site conditions have delayed Midwest Testing's work on the Tony Karppinen ringdike. Jones plans to meet with Midwest on site once conditions improve. Jones noted that he met with landowner Jeff Kluck to update him about the status of the Kragnes project.

**Project No. 32, Hawley EDA Diversion.** Jones is trying to contact Dean Whaley to get permission for Midwest Testing Laboratory, Inc., to access his property to verify the quality of the concrete in the deteriorating 60" dia. pipe to determine if it meets the required specifications. John Young, City of Hawley, had offered to contact Whaley during our recent meeting. Jones noted that if necessary, we could access the 25' easement r-o-w to get the work done, or just wait until the soybeans are off.

The City of Hawley wants the BRRWD to set up a meeting with MNDOT and the DNR to discuss the Buffalo River erosion within the City limits.

**Project No. 31, Deerhorn Creek.** Albright will plot the Merle Nelson survey when he returns. Nelson noted that he visited with Wes Anderson last week, and he mentioned the levee flapgates.

**Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin J.D. 1.** The office mailed permanent easement agreements to acquire additional permanent r-o-w and Permission to Deposit Spoil forms for the proposed 2006 FEMA repairs to three ditch system landowners. Harold Brandt and Hugh Trowbridge have signed their easement agreements. Bruce Anderson, who lives in Virginia, has not yet responded.

**Project No. 23, Becker County Ditch No. 15.** Jones noted that Brad Grant, Becker SWCD, indicated that he didn't see any problems with the 2008 repair plans. Jones also notified Scott Kahn, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), about the repair plans, who also found no problems with the proposal. Permission to Deposit forms will be sent to the affected landowners this week. As soon as those documents are signed and returned, we can get started on the work.

**Project No. 19, Becker County Ditch No. 21.** The Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District will have to review Jerry Matter's request for an additional outlet culvert.

**Project No. 1, Wilkin County Ditch No. 22.** Jones prepared a repair recommendation for County Ditch No. 22. Opsahl's field review revealed that there is heavy brush/tree growth along the ditch slopes in the S½, Section 32, Deerhorn Township, and the N½, Section 5, Mitchell Township, on the main ditch. Brushwacker, Inc., provided a quote of $6,424.00 to remove the brush in this area. Opsahl mentioned that he solicited another bid from William Nichol Excavating, Inc., which came in at about the same cost. He felt Brushwacker has the best type of machinery to do the job. **Motion** by Nelson to accept Brushwacker, Inc.'s bid for tree/brush removal. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Jeff Nord and Dennis VanWechel filed a ditch repair request for Lateral No. 2. H.E.'s investigation found standing water in the culverts from 6" deep to 2' deep, indicating that there is sediment buildup in the channel. Jones' Opinion of Probable Cost for cleaning 3.5 miles of Lateral No. 2 is $25,000 to $30,000. Landowners will be asked to sign Permission to Deposit Spoil forms. Opsahl noted that the crops on the upper 2 miles of Lateral No. 2 have been harvested and work could start any time. **Motion** by VanAmburg to authorize the referenced repairs. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

**Mediation Project Team (PT).** The Fall Tour is scheduled for 9/18/08 at 1:00 PM in the Galaxie Supper Club. The office mailed the tour notices on 9/04/08. The tour will include visits to the Nichols Wetland Reserve Project (WRP), Riverton Township Retention, Kragnes Ringdike, and the Oakport project. The
tour will also include a stop at the Hjemkomst Center for pontoon rides and guest speakers in the auditorium with supper following the tour at the Galaxie.

**Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP).** Jones filed the draft copy of the RWMP. The next step is to schedule a special meeting for the Board to review the document.

**Clay County Ditch No. 49.** The Board plans to schedule the final hearing for the redetermination of benefits sometime before the first of the year.

**Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.** To date, Jones reported that he has not heard from the DNR regarding the requested cross-section details from the DNR's engineer regarding his hydraulic analysis for rerouting water across the Atherton Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Terry Lejcher, Area Hydrologist, DNR, has indicated that he plans to put together a list of options regarding Dave Yaggie's irrigation well and to meet with the BRRWD to discuss this issue. The DNR won't start construction on their Lawndale Trout Stream project until next year at the earliest.

**Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee Clean Water Legacy (CWL) Project.** The SWCDs are planning a landowner meeting for 9/16/08 at 8:00 PM in the Comstock Community Center. The BRRWD office mailed the notices last week.

**Clay County Ditch No. 35.** Mike Astrup has indicated that he is still interested in a project to repair the remaining upstream four miles of County Ditch No. 35 that were not cleaned during the 2005 repair. Permission to Deposit Spoil forms will be needed from the affected landowners, if we plan to do the remaining repair this fall. Opsahl will contact the affected landowners.

**Clay County Ditch No. 63 Repair.** Permission to Deposit Spoil forms will also have to be obtained from the affected landowners for this ditch repair. Opsahl will contact the ditch system landowners.

**Becker County Ditch No. 5.** Several ditch system landowners have requested a repair investigation. The Board reviewed ditch maps showing the areas that need work. **Motion** by Hanson to authorize H.E. to do an investigation and prepare repair recommendations. **Seconded** by VanAmburg. **Approved.**

**Fargo Southside Flood Control (SSFC) Project.** The City of Fargo has scheduled a meeting with Minnesota agencies/landowners on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel/Conference Center. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this issue. Attorney Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan Law Firm, St. Cloud, MN, will attend the 9/17/08 meeting on behalf of the BRRWD. Deter would like to meet in Barnesville with the BRRWD prior to the SSFC meeting.

**MAWD Annual Meeting.** The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) sent out requests for nominations for project awards and 2008 resolutions for the annual meeting in December. The deadline for submission is 10/10/08. Albright suggested that we could nominate the Riverton Township Retention project if it is completed by 9/30/08.

**BWSR Conference.** The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is hosting an Academy of the North Conference on October 21-23, 2008, at the Grand Casino Mille Lacs. The event will provide training regarding the BWSR resource management programs. Early registration (before 9/26/08) is $125 for three days, or $50/day. After 9/27/08, costs are $150 for three days or $60/day.
Minnesota Water Resources Conference. The University of Minnesota is hosting a Water Resources Conference on October 27-28, 2008, at the St. Paul RiverCenter. The conference will present water resource management techniques and research. Early Registration for two days is $225 and is due on or before 10/13/08. VanAmburg is interested in attending.

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<td>Thomas &amp; Susan Arnhalt</td>
<td>right-of-way Pj. 62, J.D. 1-Branch 4</td>
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Motion by VanAmburg to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Hanson. Approved.

Next Meeting. The Board of Managers, BRRWD, will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008, in the Barnesville office at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment. Chairman Ellefson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary