

NEWS RELEASE

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"Local Watershed Contributes to Barnesville Project"

At their 10/26/09 meeting held in Barnesville, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), approved a request from the City of Barnesville to contribute 5 percent (\$7,150.00) of the costs to dredge the sediment pond on Whiskey Creek on the south side of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 34, adjacent to Blue Eagle Lake. This contribution will provide half the matching funds required from non-state partners in the Lessard-Sams Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application. Joshua Kadrmas, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.), presented the request on behalf of the City.

An Oakport Township homeowner raised questions about the proposed ringdike design for her property. She had safety concerns regarding the placement of the dike between her house and an outbuilding. The Board suggested several options for the homeowner to consider and agreed to send the design back to the engineer for more review.

Other business included:

- Approved permits to: Richard Scheffler to pattern tile 64 acres in the W1/2NE1/4, Section 23, Atherton Township, Wilkin County; the Minnesota Department of Transportation to mill and overlay 3.5 miles of T.H. No. 10 between Moorhead and Dilworth, and to concrete overlay and line a culvert on the west lane of Interstate-94 from T.H. No. 336 to County State Aid Highway No. 10 in Downer.
- Approved a motion to use a pump on a temporary basis to alleviate the highwater situation associated with Project No. 65, County Line Outlet in Sections 34, Humboldt Township, Clay County, and Section 4, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. The Board also agreed to a three-way split of the pumping costs with the Townships. The Board signed an agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for a 30-day temporary pumping permit.
- Noted that the Grove Lake Outlet is still operating, and the lake has been lowered approximately 2.5'.
- Approved a motion authorizing Rick St. Germain, H.E., to submit a Lessard-Sams Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application for \$400,000 for Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. The contractor plans to start demolition of the former Holubok farmstead this week.
- Noting that the Senate Bonding Committee met with the BRRWD on October 27, 2009, at 3:30 PM in the Moorhead Technical College. Ulteig Engineers, Inc. made a presentation regarding Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$47,997.44.

The next regular BRRWD meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit our Website at www.brrwd.org.