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"Local Watershed Receives DNR Award"

The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) received the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) "2005 Watershed District of the Year Award" from Kent Lokkesmoe, Director, DNR Division of Waters, at the 35th Annual Meeting and Trade Show of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) held in Alexandria on December 2. Lokkesmoe cited projects such as the Whisky Creek Tributaries, located northwest of Barnesville and the Lawndale Trout Stream Restoration, south of Barnesville, as reasons for the nomination. The BRRWD also received the Award in 1991 and 1997, and is the only Watershed District in the State of Minnesota to receive the Award three times.

Chairman Ellefson said that we have an excellent working relationship with our DNR Area Hydrologists, including Robert G. Merritt and Terry Lejcher. Ellefson looks forward to working with the DNR in the future to resolve flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement problems.

The BRRWD covers 1,380 square miles in parts of Clay, Becker, Otter Tail, and Wilkin Counties. The District was formed in 1976, and adopted Rules in 1979. The Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in their Barnesville office. All meetings are open to the public.