"Local Watershed Discussed Lake Outlet Project"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting in Barnesville on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. The Board spent considerable time discussing the proposed Project No. 67, Helgeson, Randkler, Businger, and Pete Lakes Outlet. They approved motions to make an emergency declaration for this area and to authorize Chairman Ellefson to sign the agency permit applications. The Board also scheduled a special field meeting on Friday, September 17, 2010, at 9:00 AM at the Randy and Vicky Arntson residence with the Scambler Township Supervisors to review the project site and discuss design options.

A landowner discussed his concerns about repairs that the Wilkin County Highway Department made last spring on County Road (C.R.) No. 151 or 140th AVE on Wolverton Creek between Sections 14 and 15, Wolverton Township. Both the County and Township have been repairing their roads after flooding events, and adding more fill to the roadbed, which changes the flooding characteristics along the Creek. The landowner felt the increased road heights could jeopardize his buildings by backing more water up behind the raised road, which could flood his property. He questioned if the office has contacted the County and Township regarding this issue. The Board agreed to follow-up on this issue.

A landowner with property involved with Project No. 50, Cromwell Township Highwater Investigation, met with the Board to discuss project design changes that will affect her property in the NW1/4, Section 35.

Other business included:

- Approved permit applications to: David Watt to install patterned tiling in the NW1/4, Section 34, Moland Township, Clay County, which will drain to the Buffalo River; T-Farms, Inc., to install tile in the E1/2SE1/4 and the SW1/4, Section 32, Norwegian Grove Township, Otter Tail County, to redirect flow away from the downstream cropland; Brian Durenksy to tile approximately 15 acres along the west side of Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9, in the SW1/4, Section 15, Atherton Township, Wilkin County, to outlet to County Ditch No. 41; William Austin to extend approach culverts in the NE1/4, Section 29 and the NW1/4, Section 16, Elkton Township, Clay County; Clay County Highway Department to install an approach with a 36" dia. culvert in Section 36, Elmwood Township, along 110th ST S; Robert Olson Farms, Inc., to install tile in the NE1/4, Section 9, and the SE1/4, Section 21, Hawley Township, Clay County; JMN Farms to install random tiling in the E1/2NW1/4 and the NE1/4, Section 8, Cromwell Township, Clay County; Mark Ekre to install random tiling in Sections 28, 33, and 34, Eglon Township, and Section 36, Hawley Township, Clay County; Nancy Kaye Marinac to install a driveway with a 15" dia. culvert in Section 36, Tansem Township, Clay County; Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association to bury a high voltage power line across Clay County Ditch No. 63 in Section 31, Spring Prairie Township, for a tile lift station; the City of Moorhead to construct site improvements for the Southfield Second Addition; Steve Thompson to install a field approach with a 36" dia. culvert along C.R. No. 21 in the SW1/4, Section 5, Barnesville Township, Clay County; Ross Aigner to clean the C.R. No. 182 ditch and install a gate on an approach culvert in the SW1/4, Section 4, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County; Mark Yaggie to install tiling with lift station in the N1/2, Section 24, Manston Township, Wilkin County; Steve Rodke to tile existing ditches in the SW1/4 and the NW1/4SE1/4, Section 17, Eglyn Township, and to random tile the NE1/4, Section 32, Eglyn Township, Clay County; Michael Hardy/Ray's Marine to install a driveway and site improvements for a commercial lot in Sections 15/16, Moorhead Township, Clay County; Richard Yaggie to install tiling in the SE1/4, Section 10, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County; Tom Herfindahl to install random tiling in the S1/2, Section 13, Cuba Township, Becker County; Daniel Froslie to install random tiling in the SW1/4, Section 2, Tanberg Township, Wilkin County; Roger Ellefson to install a 24" dia. culvert in the NE1/4, Section 11, Atherton Township, Wilkin County; and Chad Oberg and Dan Langseth tile a erosion site next to the Buffalo River in the SW1/4, Section 23, Kragnes Township, Clay County, subject to Manager field review. All tiling permits are subject to the BRRWD's standard tiling disclaimer which states that if the project outlets into one of the legal drainage systems administered by the BRRWD, the outlet of the tile needs to be properly marked.
to protect the outlet from normal ditch system maintenance, such as ditch mowing, cleaning, and snow removal. The BRRWD will not be responsible for any damages to said tile within the ditch system right-of-way, and where necessary, proper erosion control needs to be installed at the tile outlet.

- Denied permit applications to: Tom Arnhalt to block flows through a 60" dia. culvert in a natural waterway from Manston Slough, Sections 18/19, Manston Township, Wilkin County, pending completion of the Manston Slough Restoration project; and to Kerm Anderson to install a 24" dia. culvert through 140th ST in the southwest corner of the E1/2, Section 21, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County, with the recommendation that Anderson work with the neighboring landowner regarding area drainage.

- Discussed funding for a possible home buyout located on Ranum and Tansem Lakes. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has already committed 50% funding for the buyout. Additional money (37.5%) could come from a possible Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Grant. The BRRWD approved a motion to contribute 6.25% funding for the buyout.

- Noted that a bid opening has been scheduled for 8:00 PM at the 9/27/10 regular BRRWD meeting in Barnesville for the demolition of five sites associated with the Oakport Flood Mitigation.

- Approved a notice of contract award to Gladen Construction, Inc., for the Church of the Nazarene entrance crossing on 15th AVE N, associated with Project No. 37, Clay County Ditch No. 41, Lateral No. 1.

- Agreed to sponsor the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District's application for an additional Clean Water Legacy (CWL) grant to install four sediment control basins in association with the Hay Creek CWL project.

- Approved payment of bills totaling $1,059,698.42.

The next regular BRRWD meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2010, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit our Website at www.brrwd.org.