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Watershed District Enlargement

Based on a petition filed by Wilkin and Otter Tail Counties, on 4/25/12 the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) made an Order to expand the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD). The new area is about 430 square miles and includes the lower Otter Tail River downstream of Orwell Dam to Breckenridge (see map). The Order includes the appointment of two new Managers: one each from Wilkin and Otter Tail Counties. The new Managers will be appointed by their respective counties by 9/01/12.

The BRRWD will hold a hearing later this summer to further define the eastern boundary, discuss BRRWD Rules, and general questions. BWSR gave the BRRWD two years to update their Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP) to include the additional lands. Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, said the BRRWD looks forward to working with the new area. The BRRWD office is located at 114 Front ST S in Barnesville. Their telephone number is 218-354-7710 and email address is brrwd@bvillemn.net. For more information, please visit the BRRWD Web site: www.brrwd.org.