"Local Watershed Approves Landowner Permits"

At their 09/28/15 meeting held in Barnesville, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), heard a proposal from landowner Greg Grommesh who requested to remove one field approach culvert and add two new approaches with 48" diameter pipes along 140th ST S in the NW1/4, Section 28, Barnesville Township, Clay County. In addition, the landowner would like to add a second culvert to a field approach along County State Aid Highway No. 2 and to grade the 140th ST S ditch to drain south to County Ditch (C.D.) No. 54. The Board approved the permit request, subject to Barnesville Township and Clay County's approval to work within their road right-of-way.

Other business included:

- Other permits approved: Robert Yaggie to install pattern tiling in the NE1/4, Section 35, Manston Township, Wilkin County; Lynn Brakke to install pattern tiling in the NE1/4, Section 34, Holy Cross Township, Clay County; Dale Schmidt to install random tiling for 12 acres in the N1/2SE1/4, Section 20, Carlisle Township, Otter Tail County; Jim Miranowski to install 80 acres of pattern tiling in the S1/2NW1/4, Section 26, Nordick Township, Wilkin County; Paul Tschakert to install a Natural Resources Conservation Service designed Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program site in the N1/2SW1/4 and the S1/2NW1/4, Section 32, Manston Township, Wilkin County; and Tim Erickson to install a Reinvest in Minnesota/Wetlands Reserve Program wetland restoration in the NW1/4, Section 8, Detroit Township, Becker County.

- Noting that the 30-day appeal period for Project No. 77, Clay C.D. No. 51-Lateral No. 3, will expire on 10/14/15.

- Approved a Final Pay Request for Gladen Contracting, Inc. for $60,825.76 for Project No. 71, City of Moorhead 50th AVE S Flood Control.

- The Board signed contracts with Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. for their upcoming work on Project No. 61, Clay C.D. No. 11.

- The final billing for $46,000 to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration has been prepared. The project has also been submitted for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Project of the Year Award.

- Noting that Reiner Contracting, Inc. has completed their work on the Georgetown Flood Control Levee. There is still work left on the ball diamond repairs.

- Noting that the next Mediation Project Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 1:30 PM, at the Barnesville Watershed office.

- Noting that the Fall Tour will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 1:30 PM, beginning at the Watershed office.

- Noting that the 2015 Legislature allocated $400,000 for farmstead ringdikes in the Red River Valley. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact the Watershed office.
• Awarded William Nichol Excavating, Inc. the contract for outlet stabilization work on Wilkin C.D. Nos. 5A, 26, and 22 (Lateral Nos. 1 and 2) for $36,150.

• Awarded HCI the contract for buffer strip seeding on Wilkin C.D. Nos. 5A, 26, and 22 (Lateral Nos. 1 and 2) for $14,660.82.

• Approved a cost share payment to a landowner working with the West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to install sediment control basins in Section 21, Norwegian Grove Township.

• Approved Pay Request No. 1 for Johnson Excavation for outlet repairs on Project No. 34, Clay C.D. No. 41, in the amount of $80,275.

• Approved the Clay SWCD's request for a contribution of $1,666 per year to fund the Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist position.

• Approved a quote from William Nichol Excavating, Inc. for the removal of three log jams on the Buffalo River for $5,625.

• Noting that the MAWD Annual Meeting and Trade Show is scheduled for December 3-5, 2015, at the Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN.

• Approved the payment of bills, totaling $533,556.21.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office, located at 1303 4th AVE NE. The meeting has been moved to Tuesday due to the Columbus Day Holiday. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit our website at www.brrwd.org.