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"Local Watershed Opens Bids"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), opened bids for Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention, at their 4/28/08 meeting held in Barnesville. Thirteen contractors submitted bids. The Engineer's estimate was $530,125.00. The apparent low bidder is Nanick Construction with a bid of $349,948.76. The bids were referred to the Engineer and Attorney for review and tabulation. The construction deadline is 10/01/08.

Landowners from Sections 2, 3, and 10, Wolverton Township, Wilkin County, were invited to the meeting to discuss a permit application that would improve area drainage. A revised design will be completed and resubmitted for review.

Landowners from Sections 4, 5, and 6, Riverton Township, Clay County, were also invited to the meeting to discuss historic drainage problems/issues. A new landowner in the area wanted more time to review the recommendations.

Other business included:

- Approved permits to: the Clay County Highway Department to reconstruct 1.9 miles of County Road (C.R.) No. 75, and to replace a bridge over Ditch No. 41 on C.R. 78 in Dilworth; and Oakport Township to install a culvert in 2nd ST on the north side of 80th AVE.
- Agreed to acquire the temporary right-of-way (r-o-w) on Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin County Judicial Ditch No. 1, Branch No. 4 Improvement/Extension. The acquisition will allow for construction of the project later this summer.
- Discussed the Manston Slough Restoration project. A meeting will be held with representatives from the Kent Rod & Gun Club regarding their project easement. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will complete the archaeological survey.
- Reviewed submitted comments for the Oakport Flood Mitigation Environmental Assessment Worksheet from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). A response will be drafted for the 5/12/08 meeting.
- Discussed the Kragnes Flood Control project modifications. MNDOT would like to see a culvert moved off their r-o-w. The Appraisers are finishing their work on the assessments of benefits. The Final Hearing will be scheduled in the near future.
- Noting that a meeting will be held on 4/30/08 with representatives from MPCA to discuss a watershed based impaired waters study.
- Approved bills totaling $7,952.69.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008, 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.