"Local Watershed Reviews Permit Applications"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), spent most of their 5/08/06 meeting reviewing permit applications that have been filed this spring. Field reviews of the permit sites were completed last week.

The Board approved permits to: Jerald Butenhoff to increase the sizing of two approach culverts in the NW1/4, Section 22, Alliance Township, Clay County; Bogenbrook, Inc. for the installation of three culverts associated with a subdivision on Lake Eleven in Section 11, Parke Township, Clay County; Park Lutheran Church to install a dike around their cemetery in Section 12, Parke Township, Clay County; City of Barnesville to relocate a waterway crossing with a 72" dia. corrugated metal pipe in conjunction with their proposed wastewater treatment facility expansion in Section 25, Barnesville Township; Tony LaDuke to install a driveway with an 18" dia. culvert in the Amber Waves Estates Subdivision located in Section 3, Oakport Township, Clay County; Otter Tail Valley Railroad to reroute a portion of a township road adjacent to their tracks in Section 13, Barnesville Township; Dave Lass to install a 15" dia. culvert in a field road located along the north line of Section 6, Humboldt Township, Clay County; Dave Lass to remove a field approach and culvert along the south line of Section 6, Humboldt Township; Clay County Highway Department to replace a bridge over the Buffalo River in County Road (C.R.) No. 96 between Sections 15 and 22, Kragnes Township, Clay County, the permit will be held by the BRRWD until landowner project concerns are addressed by Clay County; City of Moorhead to install an 18" dia. culvert in an access road to a new lift station along 28th ST S in Section 21, Moorhead Township; Jon Holman to increase the sizing of his driveway culvert along C.R. 85 in the NW1/4, Section 34, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County; Skree Township to regrade a ditch along the north line of Section 33; City of Barnesville to install an approach and culvert off 2nd AVE SW in Section 25, Barnesville Township; Arne Peterson to install a small culvert in a crossing over a drainage swale in Section 28, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County; Doug Macziewski to increase the sizing of his driveway culvert along C.R. 85 in the NW1/4, Section 34, Spring Prairie Township, Clay County; and Richard Peppel to improve drainage in the SW1/4, Section 28, Barnesville Township, including installation of an approach and removal of a centerline culvert in C.R. 51.

Regarding Permit No. 06-05, which was approved at the 3/13/06 BRRWD meeting, the Board reviewed a modification proposed by Minnesota Department of Transportation to install a 36" dia. restrictor on the inlet end of the proposed 54" dia. centerline pipe in Trunk Highway No. 10 until other work is done on the west bound lane in approximately 2008.

Other business included:

- Award of the construction contract for Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68- Establishment, to Allstate Excavating, which includes Alternate No. 1, for their total bid of $174,961.84. Contract documents will be prepared in the next several weeks.

- Discussed a Kurtz Township drainage issue. More research will be done regarding Clay County Ditch No. 1, which was abandoned 40-50 years ago.
Noting that the draft Engineer's Report has been filed with Brian Winter, The Nature Conservancy, regarding the proposed Riverton Township Retention, located in the E1/2, Section 28.

Noting that Ziegler Construction, Inc., will start work next week on the repair of Clay County Ditch No. 41 along the BNSF railroad tracks south of Dilworth.

Noting that meetings were held on 5/08/06 with FEMA representatives to discuss possible disaster declarations for Clay and Wilkin Counties for the 2006 spring flood.

An informational meeting will be held for the Oakport Flood Mitigation Project on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 7:00 PM at the Moorhead Armory.

Noting that the office is working on documents for a bond sale relating to Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68, and Project No. 57, Moorhead I-94 Flood Control.

Noting that the Long Lake siphon has been stopped because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has planted walleye fry in Long Lake. The Turtle Lake siphon continues to run.

Noting that the next Mediation Project Team meeting will be held on 5/18/06 at 7:00 PM in the MSUM Science Center east of Glyndon.

Noting that the BRRWD's proposed levy increase is currently being held up in a House Tax Committee. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn on 5/22/06.

Authorization of a repair survey for Clay County Ditch No. 34 in Section 18 and 19, Barnesville Township.

Making a $200 donation to the Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District for the Long Lake Conservation Camp.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2006, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. All meetings are open to the public.