"Local Watershed Approves Permits"

At their 5/12/08 meeting held in Barnesville, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), approved a number of pending permit applications. Permits were approved to: Monsanto for 76 acres of patterned tiling in the S1/2SW1/4, Section 12, Glyndon Township, Clay County; Alliance Township to install an approach with a 36” dia. culvert along the west line of Section 9; Curt Borgen to install a road and drainage improvements for six new lots in the Borgen Fields Second Addition in the SE1/4, Section 10, Oakport Township, Clay County; Clay County Highway Department to install an 18” dia. culvert in a dry field approach and to remove a dry field approach along the north side of County Road No. 51 in Section 27, Barnesville Township; Duane Brokate to install a field approach with a 15” dia. culvert in the N1/2SE1/4, Section 10, Cromwell Township, Clay County; Andrew Holmen to install an approach with an 18” dia. culvert along the east side of 150th ST in the Village of Downer; Howard Pender, Jr. to install a 15” dia. culvert in a dry field approach in the NE1/4, Section 36, Elkton Township, Clay County; Dave Lass to install a 24” dia. culvert through 130th AVE S and to install a 24” dia. culvert on the west line of Section 7, Humboldt Township, Clay County; and LuJean Thomas to install an approach with a 42” dia. culvert in Section 25, Oakport Township, Clay County.

Other business included:

- Discussion regarding the Grove Lake Outlet project in northwestern Otter Tail County. The office has contacted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding possible funds to help construct the project.

- Set a goal for filing the Detailed Survey Report and Viewers' Report for Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1, Branch No. 4 Improvement/Extension for the 5/27/08 meeting. The next step will be to schedule the final hearing.

- Discussed the Riverton Township Retention project. The agencies still need to complete the wetland permitting.

- Discussed funding for the Oakport Flood Mitigation project. A 2008 budget will be presented to the DNR later this week. Regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Board made a negative declaration regarding the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. The Findings of Fact and Order will be filed with the required agencies. A meeting will be held with DNR Forestry to discuss trees that will need to be removed to construct the project. The goal is to start construction around Labor Day, 2008.

- The Appraisers filed their report on benefits and damages for the Kragnes Ringdike project. The office will schedule the final hearing.

- The Board approved an easement encroachment agreement for Clay County Ditch No. 50 in Moorhead.

- Authorized William Nichol Excavating to remove a logjam on the Buffalo River in Georgetown for his bid of $1,750.

- Discussed the Lawndale Trout Stream and Wilkin County Ditch No. 40 hearing held on 4/29/08. The Board will continue discussions and consider making an Order at their upcoming meeting.
• Authorized Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.) to investigate repair petitions filed for work on Clay County Ditch Nos. 11 and 40.

• Authorized payment of bills totaling $90,412.98.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. The meeting has been changed from the traditional fourth Monday because of Memorial Day. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please visit our Website at www.brrwd.org.