"Local Watershed Schedules Hearings"

At their 5/27/08 meeting held in Barnesville, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), scheduled the Final Hearing for the Kragnes Flood Control project for June 25, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the Moorhead City Hall Council Chambers. Notices will be mailed to the affected landowners.

The Board accepted the Viewers' Report and the Engineer's Detailed Survey Report for Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1, Branch No. 4 Improvement/Extension. The Final Hearing for this project has been scheduled for June 30, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the Comstock Community Center.

Other business included:

- Wilkin County landowners discussed their concerns about how the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Lawndale Trout Stream project will affect area drainage, Wilkin County Ditch No. 40 maintenance, and their irrigation rights. The Board agreed to table action on the final hearing order until these issues have been addressed.

- Approved permits to: Barry Ahmann to relocate an approach/culvert to the north along Trunk Highway No. 9 in the NE1/4, Section 35, Barnesville Township, Clay County, subject to Minnesota Department of Transportation approval; and Gregg Larson for a road and drainage improvements for the proposed Timber Shores Subdivision in Sections 9 and 16, Eglon Township, Clay County, subject to Manager field review.

- Discussed the Riverton Township Retention project. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has completed their wetland permitting review and will file their report in the near future. The Clay Soil and Water Conservation District will review the Wetlands Conservation Act permit application at their 6/12/08 meeting.

- Noted that the NRCS tentatively plans to conduct the archeological survey for Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration, the week of June 9, 2008.

- Noted that the soil boring work for the Oakport Flood Mitigation project, scheduled to start this week, has been postponed due to a request from landowners who have questions regarding the project's impact on their property. The office has submitted the proposed 2008 project budget of $3 million to the DNR for their consideration.

- Noting that the Long Lake siphon was stopped on 5/19/08 to allow the DNR to stock walleye fry. The Turtle Lake siphon continues to run, and the Long Lake siphon will be restarted on 6/02/08.

- Noted a meeting to discuss BRRWD water quality monitoring has been scheduled for June 6, 2008, at 10:00 AM in Barnesville.

- The office sent a reimbursement request ($7,500) to the Red River Watershed Management Board for the 2008 Mediation Project Team administrative expenses.

- Authorized payment of bills totaling $51,357.07.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 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.