"Local Watershed Approves Permits"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), spent the majority of their 7/09/07 meeting in Barnesville addressing permit applications for pending projects. Board members field reviewed the applications the week of July 2.

The Board acted on the following permit applications: Permit Nos. 06-77 and 07-09, filed by Robert Norby, were administratively withdrawn. Norby has indicated that he is not able to do the work at this time. If he decides to restart the projects, the applications will be returned to the BRRWD's agenda. Permits were approved to: Howard Pender, Jr. for the installation of a field approach, culvert, and gate in the southeast corner of Section 25, Elkton Township, Clay County; Randall Scheidecker to place a berm between his property and the road ditch in the SW1/4, Section 8, Riverton Township, Clay County; Greg Anderson to install a berm along CSAH No. 30 and redirect his drainage to the north in the SW1/4, Section 29, Atherton Township, Wilkin County; Dan Solum to install a field approach and culvert in the southeast corner of Section 18, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County; Clay County Highway Department to install an approach with an 18" dia. culvert along County Road (C.R.) No. 1 in the SW1/4, Section 6, Oakport Township, Clay County; Brad Pake to install patterned tiling on 159 acres in the NW1/4, Section 5, Morken Township, Clay County; the City of Barnesville to install a 24" dia. drain tile and to reshape the road ditch in the NW1/4, Section 29, Humboldt Township, Clay County; Brian Halverson to improve drainage from a low area located in the SW1/4, Section 30, Elkton Township, Clay County; Frank Schindler to install a field approach with a 24" dia. culvert off 180th AVE S in the SE1/4, Section 33, Barnesville Township, Clay County; Mike Lewis to install a 60" dia. culvert in a natural waterway to gain access to his property in the southwest corner of the NE1/4, Section 2, Barnesville Township, Clay County; EID/Fischer to install a driveway with a 12" dia. culvert along CSAH No. 52 in the City of Moorhead for access to property in the SW1/4, Section 15, Moorhead Township, Clay County; and Dennis Sobtzak to install a driveway with a 24" dia. culvert off 200th ST S in the NW1/4, Section 33, Humboldt Township, Clay County.

Other business included:

- Met with landowners concerning the Oakport Flood Mitigation project. Numerous concerns were expressed. The Board assured the landowners that as the project development progresses, they'll be able to answer their questions.

- Met with landowners concerning drainage improvements east of Interstate-94 (I-94), pertaining to Clay County Ditch No. 55. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be boring an additional line of 48" dia. culvert under I-94 this month. Landowners want the upstream improved accordingly.

- Met with a landowner about drainage concerns in Riverton Township. Photographs from the June 17, 2007, runoff event, showing water escaping from Clay County Ditch No. 57 and flowing south into Clay County Ditch No. 12 were reviewed. The water also flowed west, affecting farmland along Trunk Highway No. 9. No solutions to address the problem were finalized.
• Noting that the development of the Grove Lake Outlet project in northwestern Otter Tail County is on hold, pending the Board's review of an outlet for Maple Lake.

• Noting that the Board has scheduled the final hearing for Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention for Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Glyndon Community Center. Notices will be mailed to affected landowners.

• Noting that a cleanup list has been prepared of All State Construction and their work associated with the City of Glyndon's drainage project.

• Reviewed the engineering plans for the Kranges Ringdike. The next step will be to start the Appraisers' work regarding benefits and damages.

• Noting that the petitioner's bond has been increased from $10,000 to $20,000 for Project No. 61, Clay County Ditch No. 11 North-Improvement.

• Noting that the engineer has completed the field survey work for the Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No 1, Branch No. 4-Improvement/Extension. A report is expected in the near future.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. All meetings are open to the public. For more BRRWD information, please visit our Website at www.brrwd.org.