"Watershed Holds Special Meeting to Catch Up on Business"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a special meeting on July 20, 2009, at 8:00 PM, in the Barnesville office to continue with their 7/13/09 meeting agenda. The BRRWD office continues to be very busy. The majority of the time is spent on addressing landowner concerns, as well as working on projects, including highwater complaints east of Barnesville and the development of the Oakport Flood Mitigation project.

Business included:

- Approved permits to: Ronald Jerger to install a field approach off 180th ST with a culvert and gate in the southwest corner of Section 9, Manston Township, Wilkin County; Clay County Highway Department to replace an existing bridge between Sections 29 and 32, Elkton Township, over Hay Creek, with two lines of 12’ x 4’ reinforced concrete box culvert with a modification to provide a road overflow section; Joe Wulfekuhle/Tom Arnhalt to remove a 24" dia. culvert in the northwest corner of Section 17, Manston Township, in 180th ST, and to replace that culvert with a 30" dia. pipe in County Road (C.R.) No. 176 between Sections 17 and 18; Jay Nord to temporarily remove a dry approach along 180th AVE in the southwest corner of Section 21, Deerhorn Township, and regrade the road ditch approximately 0.5 miles to drain north, then to reinstall the approach with a 15" dia. culvert set per Natural Resources Conservation Service specifications; Jay Nord to regrade one mile of ditch along the south side of 130th ST in Section 21, Deerhorn Township, including the resetting of driveway and approach culverts; the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to mill and overlay parts of Trunk Highway (T.H.) Nos. 10 and 75 within the City of Moorhead due to roadway surface damages from the 2009 spring flood; James Braton, Jr. to install a culverted crossing over a waterway in the NE¼, Section 6, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County; Master Construction to install an approach with a 24" dia. culvert off C.R. No. 14 to access a sign in the KOA campground in Section 14, Moorhead Township, Clay County; Dean's Bulk Service to install a stormwater retention pond and site grading in the NW¼, Section 29, Humboldt Township, Clay County; Rod Shasty to install an 18" dia. culvert to access property in the Borgen Fields Subdivision in Section 10, Oakport Township, Clay County; Orrin Sorum to install approximately 665' of 6" dia. drain tile in the SE¼, Section 31, Norwegian Grove Township, Otter Tail County; Cromwell Township to replace culverts in 220th ST between Sections 22 and 23; MNDOT to replace a culvert on Clay County Ditch No. 16 in T.H. No. 32 between Sections 20 and 21, Highland Grove Township; and MNDOT to replace a culvert between Sections 33 and 34, Parke Township, in T.H. No. 32.

- Discussed an investigative report, filed by Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.), regarding highwater problems on the Clay/Wilkin County line east of Barnesville. An informational meeting will be scheduled with the affected landowners.

- Received an investigative report from H.E. regarding highwater problems along T.H. No. 34 east of Barnesville involving Tansem and Ranum Lakes. The report will be forwarded to the affected homeowner, and an informational meeting will be scheduled.

- Received the H.E. investigative report regarding the LaBelle/Boyer Lakes highwater problem along T.H. No. 10 east of Lake Park. An informational meeting with the affected landowners will be scheduled.

- Noting that the contractor has finished his work for the Grove Lake Outlet project in northwestern Otter Tail County.
• Noting that the contractor is working on the Clay County Ditch No. 11 North-Improvement project by Rustad.

• Considerable discussion took place regarding the bond sale for various projects that have either been completed, are under construction, or anticipated in the future. The office was directed to complete the bond sale transcripts.

• Authorized H.E. to prepare a site plan for cleanup of buildings located in the SE¼, Section 30, Manston Township, involved with the Manston Slough Restoration project. The Board directed the project engineer to complete the final Engineer's Report as quickly as possible.

• Authorized asbestos removal at one of the buyout houses associated with the Oakport Flood Mitigation project.

• Signed a grant amendment from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources regarding completion of the Revised Watershed Management Plan. The amendment extends the completion deadline until 12/31/09.

The next regular BRRWD meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2009, 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.