"Local Watershed Reviews Permits"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), spent time at the 8/13/07 meeting in Barnesville discussing a number of pending permit applications. Fall is typically the time of the year when permit activity increases. The BRRWD adopted Rules and a permitting system on June 1, 1979. Roger Ellefson, BRRWD Chairman, noted, "Landowners need to be aware that if they're going to make changes regarding their field drainage, they should contact the BRRWD before doing the work."

The Board approved permits to: Chris Noben to tile 60 acres in the SE1/4, Section 12, Cuba Township, Becker County; Tom Herfindahl for 165 acres of tiling in the E1/2, Section 13, Cuba Township; the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District to restore wetlands with a number of various permit conditions; four permits to the City of Moorhead to reconstruct 50th AVE S from the Red River of the North to Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 75 and Riverhaven Road from 46th to 50th AVE, the 120 acre Southside Regional Park Improvements-Phase 2A in the SE1/4, Section 21, Moorhead Township, and the Centennial Park Improvements in Section 4, Moorhead Township; Gust Johanson to replace and modify culverts in the NE1/4, Section 27, Moorhead Township, Otter Tail Valley Railroad to replace a bridge west of CSAH No. 52 in Section 19, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County; the City of Glyndon for the Stockwood Business Park Second Addition-Phase 1 in the NE1/4, Section 11, Glyndon Township, Clay County; Jona Baer for 89 acres of patterned tiling in the NE1/4, Section 7, Parke Township, Clay County; and David Kragnes for 51 acres of patterned tiling in the SE1/4, Section 26, Kragnes Township, Clay County.

Other business included:

- Discussion of a drainage problem along T.H. 10 in Section 5, Lake Park Township, Becker County. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will look at replacing a flared end section on one of their centerline culverts, which may be holding back water and forcing it in another direction.

- The Final Hearing for Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention, was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Glyndon Community Center. The hearing was ultimately recessed and will be reconvened on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Glyndon Community Center. The Appraisers will be asked to look at their benefit determinations. The archeological survey for this project has also been completed. No concerns were noted.

- Noting that work is being completed on the Kelly Nichol Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) project in Section 21, Humboldt Township, Clay County. The work is a part of the BRRWD's Whisky Creek Tributaries project.

- Noting that a Technical Committee meeting for the Oakport Flood Mitigation was held on 8/16/07 at 9:00 AM in the Moorhead Police Department. Upcoming meetings include a 9/27/07 Oakport Technical Committee meeting and a 10/03/07 meeting with landowners along Broadway regarding the dike alignment. Notices will be mailed to affected parties.
Filing of the Engineer's Report for the 34th ST Interchange project in the City of Moorhead relating to Clay County Ditch No. 47. The office will schedule the required hearing.

Noting that a Mediation Project Team meeting will be held on 8/23/07 at 7:30 PM in the MSUM Regional Science Center near Glyndon. The annual fall tour is scheduled for 9/20/07 beginning at 1:30 PM at the Galaxie Supper Club east of Barnesville.

Noting that all seven Comprehensive Plan Update Regional meetings have now been completed. A special meeting with representatives from Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.) will be held on 8/21/07 to discuss various plan concepts. One of the next steps will be to reconvene the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees to discuss solutions for problems identified at the regional level.

Authorized ditch spraying and mowing per a report filed by H.E.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, which will also include their annual budget hearing, is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 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.