"Local Watershed Awards Contract"

At their 9/08/08 meeting in Barnesville, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), awarded William Nichol Excavating, Inc. the contract for Project No. 62, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1), Branch No. 4-Improvement/Extension. Their bid amount was $43,865.20. The Board also signed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Construction Storm Water Permit application.

Other business included:

- Approved permits to: Bradley Olek to install patterned tiling in the N1/2NE1/4, Section 3, Morken Township, Clay County; M & J Farms to complete a Wetlands Reserve Program project in the SW1/4, Section 30, Highland Grove Township, Clay County; Jerry Janssen to install three small tiling projects in Sections 3 and 4, Humboldt Township, and Section 25, Skree Township, Clay County; John Steffl to install erosion control basins in the NW1/4, Section 9, Callaway Township, Becker County; Ronald Wang to regrade the ditch and lower an approach culvert in Section 9, Moland Township, Clay County; John Ready to install a new approach/culvert off County State Aid Highway No. 11 into the NE1/4, Section 19, Alliance Township, Clay County; Clay County Highway Department to replace an 18" dia. corrugated metal pipe (CMP) in Section 10, Elmwood Township; Keith Fischer to install a field approach with 24" dia. culvert in the NE1/4, Section 26, Moland Township, Clay County; and Tom Herfindahl to install 23 acres of patterned tiling in the SE1/4, Section 20, Cuba Township, Becker County.

- Authorized H.E. to submit the Local/State/Federal application for the Grove Lake Outlet project. The Board discussed the project design. Houston Engineering, Inc., (H.E.) is developing the construction plans, operation plan, and checking on the required permits. The Board would like to schedule a hearing for some time in October.

- Noting that wet site conditions have delayed construction on the Riverton Township Retention project.

- Approved repairs for Clay County Ditch No. 3. The work will include the installation of a field inlet culvert and flapgate through County Road No. 93 in the southeast corner of Section 9, Moland Township.

- Received a repair request for Becker County Ditch No. 5. The Board authorized H.E. to conduct an investigation and prepare repair recommendations.

- Authorized brush and tree removal on Wilkin County Ditch No. 22 in Section 32, Deerhorn Township, and Section 5, Mitchell Township. Brushwacker, Inc. provided a quote of $6,824 to do the work. The Board also approved a repair request to clean 3.5 miles of Lateral No. 2. The cost was estimated at $25,000-$30,000. Permission to level spoil will be obtained from the affected landowners. Repairs on the downstream 1.5 mile stretch of the ditch will have to wait until crops are harvested.

- Received an update on the Appraisers' Report for Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation, which should be completed in the next few weeks. The Engineer's Report has been sent out for advisory comments. The BRRWD purchased two more buyout properties. The next steps will be to schedule an Open House and Final Hearing.
• A bid letting for the Kragnes Ringdike project is scheduled for 9/22/08. The Board is waiting for the Burlington Northern/Sante Fe Railroad to forward the signed license agreement.

• Received the draft BRRWD Comprehensive Plan. The next step will be Board review.

• Noting that a meeting with the Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee landowners will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the Comstock Community Center. Notices have been sent.

• Continued discussion regarding the Fargo Southside Flood Control project. The City of Fargo has scheduled a meeting with Minnesota agencies/landowners on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel/Conference Center.

• Noting that the Fall Tour is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008. Tour buses will depart from the Galaxie Supper Club at 1:00 PM. Notices have been sent.

• Approved payment of bills totaling $82,843.71.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 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.