"Local Watershed Meets"

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), took approximately two hours to go through their meeting agenda on 9/24/07 in Barnesville. Audience members only had two small issues that needed discussion.

The Board approved house moving extensions until November 1, 2007, for several parties on the Oakport Flood Mitigation project. The BRRWD sold the houses on 5/03/07, and the agreement was that they should be moved by 10/01/07. A thirty-day extension was granted.

Repairs were discussed with the contractor for Project No. 51, Clay County Ditch No. 68 in the City of Glyndon. The contractor furnished bid prices for doing some additional work, besides the warranty work that still needs to be completed under the original contract. The Board authorized the repair items, which includes reimbursement from the BRRWD in the amount of $1,580 for additional soil that washed into the project area from an upstream field. All work items are to be completed by 10/15/07.

Other business included:

- Approved permits to: Jerry Matter to install seepage control ditches/berms around a USFWS owned Wildlife Production Area in Sections 15 and 22, Riceville Township, Becker County; Thomas Friederichs to install a field approach with a 24" dia. culvert off 150th ST S for access into the SE1/4, Section 28, Elkton Township, Clay County; Eldon HermunsLie to regrade township road ditches and install new drainage culverts in the NE1/4, Section 11, Roberts Township, Wilkin County; Clay County Highway Department to install a new field approach with an 18" dia. culvert along County Road No. 68 in the SE1/4, Section 4, Glyndon Township; and Ross Aigner to clean township road ditches in Section 1, Roberts Township, and Sections 4 and 6, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County.

- Discussed the status of the Grove Lake Outlet project in northwestern Otter Tail County. The BRRWD still needs to meet with a downstream landowner on Maple Lake regarding an outlet. The BRRWD will also work with the Legislators regarding possible State funding assistance during their upcoming session. If built, the project construction would not occur until 2008.

- Noting that presentations were made for the House and Senate Bonding Committees regarding the Oakport Flood Mitigation project funding. The BRRWD will be seeking $10 million from the 2008 bonding bill to begin construction.

- Considerable discussion took place regarding the Kragnes Ringdike project. Erik Jones, Houston Engineering, Inc., is still working with representatives from the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad regarding use of their property for the diking. The Appraisers' Report has not been finalized because it needs to include damages for right-of-way acquisition, which cannot be completed until the BNSF negotiations are final.

- The next meeting of the BRRWD's Mediation Project Team will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the MSUM Science Center east of Glyndon.
• Authorized Manager VanAmburg to attend the Minnesota Water Resources Conference on October 23-24, 2007, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers, BRRWD, will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 8:00 PM in the Barnesville office. The meeting date was changed in observance of Columbus Day. All meetings are open to the public. For more BRRWD information, please visit our Website at www.brrwd.org.