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DATE: Friday, July 21, 2017

TO: Landowners in Mitchell, Roberts, Nordick, and McCauleyville Townships, Wilkin County

FROM: Bruce E. Albright, Office Administrator

RE: Possible 220th ST Drainage Improvements
Scheduling of Informational Meeting

This spring, the Board of Manager, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held a number of meetings to discuss a tile drainage project located in Mitchell Township. During those discussions, and trying to determine a path for that water, it was discussed that some feel the entire area would benefit if possibly some type of new drainage system was installed in and around County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 26, which would take the area water directly west either to the Red River or the North or Whiskey Creek.

The Board authorized Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) to conduct a preliminary investigation in that regard. Their investigation looked at several alternatives that would take the water directly west along 220th Street (one mile south of CSAH No. 26). A copy of their preliminary investigation can be found on the BRRWD's website at www.brrwd.org.

Before a project of this nature could be developed, we must determine area landowner interest. A project could be developed by the landowners using the BRRWD's permitting system or a project could be petitioned for in accordance with the Minnesota Drainage Law. There would be several procedural steps that would have to be followed if developed in accordance with Drainage Law. A benefit area would be established and would determine who would pay for said project.

In order to discuss these issues further with you, the Board of Managers, BRRWD, has scheduled an informational meeting for **Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 7:30 AM** in our **Barnesville office** located at 1303 4th AVE NE. The office is directly across the street from the city's new water tower. If you are interested in this potential project to improve your area drainage, please plan on attending.

If you should have questions or comments regarding the above or enclosed, please feel free to contact this office. If not, we look forward to seeing everyone on August 10.

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Encl. – Project Map