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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING

April 10, 2017

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, Jay A. Leitch, John E. Hanson, Mark T. Anderson, Troy E. Larson, and Peter V. Fjestad. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, and Erik S. Jones, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); and landowners Bryant Haugrud, Terry Czichotzki, Tom Paulson, and Carolyn Swenson.

Chair Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and announced that the proceedings were being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

Secretary's Report. The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 03/27/17 regular meeting. **Motion** by Leitch to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the BRRWD's monthly financial statements, including the project account balance sheet, administrative disbursements, summary of income, and the accounts receivable report. Cash on hand is \$1,790,906.50. Administrative disbursements for the month are \$39,834.46 and for the year total \$116,919.59. Albright noted that we are tracking permit archiving, M-files, and the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) separately on the administrative disbursement sheet, as those are all one-time expenditures. Current accounts receivable for 2017 totals \$5,949,683.55. Our total income for the year is \$349,064.48. Income since the 03/13/17 meeting is \$20,758.48. We received \$20,009.86 from the Clay County Court Administrator for the Greywind house condemnation proceeding, associated with Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee. Albright contacted Pat Lynch, Financial Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Waters, regarding the Greywind payment to let him know that the BRRWD will forward the \$20,000 to reimburse the DNR per our grant agreement. The balance of this month's income came from bank account interest and HEI office rent reimbursement. The office plans to forward a pay request to the DNR for Phase 4 Oakport expenditures (\$165,000). **Motion** by Anderson to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Haugrud Drainage Complaint. Albright gave a brief history of the drainage issues in Sections 22 and 23, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. Last fall, the Board authorized HEI to conduct a survey of the natural waterways in this area and found that both tributaries have some blockages immediately downstream of the culverts through County Road (C.R.) No. 19 on the Lindholm property. The survey results were sent to the landowners, Bryant Haugrud and Lloyd Lindholm. The Lindholms are concerned that if they clean the waterway through their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Section 22, the waterway will just fill up again because of the Haugrud's farming practices in Section 23. They would like to see the Haugruds implement best management practices (bmps) or some type of sediment control measures. Haugruds are not interested in implementing bmps, but they are willing to pay for current and future channel repairs on the downstream Lindholm property. Albright forwarded that response to the Lindholms, but to date, he has heard nothing more from them.

Bryant Haugrud pointed out that there is a 06/01/17 deadline for work on CRP acreage. If the cleanout is not done by that date, they would have to wait until after 08/29/17 for the work and lose another growing season for their upstream crops. Albright explained that it is up to the Lindholms to make the decision if they plan to do the work, but the BRRWD Rules state that a downstream landowner can't block upstream drainage. Albright explained that the Board can send the Lindholms a letter requesting that they have their waterway

cleaned, per BRRWD Rules. The Board discussed options to have the repair work completed if Lindholms are unwilling to comply with our request. Haugrud reiterated that he is willing to pay all costs for the cleanout on the Lindholm property, including reseeding the CRP. **Motion** by Leitch to authorize Albright to send the Lindholms a letter that explains that they can hire someone to do the channel cleanout themselves, according to HEI specifications, or the BRRWD will hire a contractor to do the work before the 06/01/17 Farm Service Agency (FSA) deadline. Either way, Haugruds will be billed for the cost of the work. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Project No. 02, Wilkin C.D. No. 13/Project No. 21, Wilkin C.D. No. 13-Lateral. Terry Czichotzki couldn't attend the 03/16/17 landowner informational meeting regarding the C.D. No. 13 repairs where HEI's survey and recommendations were discussed. Czichotzki feels that there won't be enough existing right-of-way (R/W) to complete the proposed cleanout work. HEI plans to stake the existing R/W, and Jones suggested that the BRRWD acquire an addition 16.5' of R/W along the C.D. No. 13 and C.D. No. 13-Lateral ditch to complete the repair, which would be approximately 30 additional acres of R/W. Albright observed that time is running out to do the staking before the landowners start spring planting. Anderson suggested a payment rate of \$250/acre (cash land rent, plus an incentive). Jones noted that HEI should complete the current R/W staking in the next few days. HEI will work with the landowners to determine the placement (side of ditch) of the spoil material. We will need to obtain the landowners' permission to work on their property and then get the work started, as soon as possible. **Motion** by Anderson to offer \$250/acre for the additional C.D. No. 13 and C.D. No. 13-Lateral temporary construction R/W, as referenced. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

Later in the meeting, Czichotzki commented that the costs for the C.D. No. 13 and C.D. No. 13-Lateral repair should have been part of the Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration, because those ditches are the outlet for the project. Albright noted that the DNR is also in the benefit area for the Manston Project and will help pay for the ditch repair. He acknowledged that both Project Nos. 2 and 21 should have a redetermination of benefits, but we are currently involved with ongoing redetermination proceedings that must be finalized before we start anything new. He added that the BRRWD might consider combining the benefit areas for C.D. No. 13 and the Lateral.

Czichotzki is also concerned that since the Manston Slough Restoration project was installed, he has experienced higher water levels on C.D. No. 13-Lateral at his downstream farmstead on the project outlet and has had more crop losses. Albright noted that several issues kept us from operating the project as designed this past year, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) request for lower water within the project so that they could cut trees and do restoration work on their easements. Czichotzki has had to purchase a portable dike to protect his house, and he requested that the Board consider using dirt from the proposed ditch cleanout to build a 2' permanent dike for his house along the ditch. Czichotzki feels that the Manston project has made the water problems on his downstream property worse. Jones noted that the C.D. No. 13/Lateral cleanout project should address most of the downstream high water problems. Albright noted that there was also a downstream beaver dam north of C.R. No. 30 last fall that was backing up water, and there are the fish "fingers" on the Baumgartner Lake structure north of C.R. No. 30 restricting water, which might need to be modified in the future. Albright pointed out that we will need to do a better job of monitoring and maintaining this structure. He also felt that the ditch repair will help flooding on Czichotzki's property. **Motion** by Larson to approve a permanent dike along Czichotzki's farmstead, as referenced. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.** Jones will work with Czichotzki on the location and elevation of the proposed dike. He noted that there might be funding from the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) for a farmstead ring dike/levee.

Another item of concern for Czichotzki and landowner Carolyn Swenson was the fact that breakouts from the South Branch of the Buffalo River are causing washouts and flooding downstream on the west side of T.H. No. 9 in Section 6, Manston Township, Wilkin County, and entering Wilkin C.D. No. 13-Lateral. Albright noted that this water shouldn't be draining into the ditch system. The group had an extended discussion regarding the Upper South Branch of the Buffalo River Channel Restoration project. Czichotzki questioned why the BRRWD decided to start on the channel work east of T.H. No. 9 where most of the

property is already in either CRP or Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) programs. This land won't be impacted by flooding as much as the downstream cropland when water from the South Branch of the Buffalo River breaks out and goes cross country. Czichotzki feels that the BRRWD should focus on restoring the river channel west of T.H. No. 9 to protect productive cropland. Albright explained that the BRRWD is working to develop a project east of T.H. No. 9 to be sure we have exhausted all our options for possible upstream retention sites before asking downstream landowners west of T.H. No. 9 to consider using productive cropland for retention. The Board discussed installing a temporary dike on Swenson's property at the breakout site or perhaps a limited channel cleanout in this area. The river is protected waters, so a DNR permit would be required before any work could be started on the channel in this area. **Motion** by Anderson to authorize Jones to investigate a limited channel cleanout on Swenson's property to find a temporary solution to the river breakouts entering C.D. No. 13-Lateral and to help control the erosion damage on Swenson's land. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

Robert Yaggie Tiling Complaint. At their 03/27/17 meeting, the Board approved a motion to authorize Albright to send a letter to Robert Yaggie, directing him to cease operation of his tile pump in Section 28, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County, until he can identify an adequate outlet. Albright talked to Bruce Yaggie on the phone regarding the Board's decision, but hasn't had time to send the letter. Yaggie is still trying to find an acceptable solution to his neighbors' outlet concerns. Albright noted that the neighboring landowners consider both potential outlets (Wolverton Creek and Whiskey Creek) for the tile project to be inadequate. He added that LiDAR cross sections of Section 28 show that about 60% of the water will naturally drain north and about 40% will go south. Currently, the BRRWD is working on a channel restoration for Wolverton Creek, which could be completed in the next several years, but a potential repair project for Whiskey Creek wouldn't be completed for some time. Albright explained that David Abel, who is the landowner in the NW¹/₄, Section 28, decided to move the outlet to avoid flooding in the northwest corner of his property. Tom Paulson, who is the operator of the SW¹/₄, Section 21, Mitchell Township, discussed the drainage problems along the proposed northern drainage route to Wolverton Creek. Albright noted that the landowners downstream of the south outlet were also concerned about flooding from the project. Albright summarized the Yaggie tiling concerns by stating that Yaggie has been directed not to operate the tile pump until he can identify an adequate outlet. Then he will go through the BRRWD permitting process by filing a new BRRWD permit application when he changes the outlet location.

The Board also authorized HEI to conduct a preliminary drainage study to investigate a potential ditch along 220th ST, one mile south of C.R. No. 26, starting in Section 32, Mitchell Township, running west to the Red River. Paulson contacted Burlington Northern/Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad regarding an east-west 36" dia. culvert on the north side of 220th ST through the BNSF track. It appears that this culvert might need to be lowered and resized to convey the upstream drainage. Jones noted that HEI completed the field survey that included an area culvert inventory. He expected to have recommendations, including a cost estimate and potential drainage area, for the Board's review at our next meeting. He also noted that the landowners might consider using HEI's survey recommendations and file a BRRWD permit application for a private drainage project if they aren't interested in developing a legal drainage system.

Meeting Rules of Order. The Board briefly reviewed a work sheet regarding Robert's Rules of Order for conducting a meeting. The Managers discussed the proper terminology for holding a decision on a permit application for further review. Instead of "tabling" a permit, it might be more correct to "postpone" action.

Other Business brought before the Board included:

Permit No. 16-122, Ted Peterson. Manager Larson asked about the status of this permit application to lower an existing 24" dia. culvert by 6" to 8" under 240th ST in the SE¹/₄, Section 7, Akron Township, Wilkin County. The Board tabled action on 12/12/16, pending notification/approval of the downstream landowner. At that time, the office planned to notify Peterson of the Board's decision. Recently, Peterson called the office regarding the status of his permit and was again advised to talk to the downstream landowner regarding his proposal and to ask his neighbor to sign and return the required downstream notification form. Manager

Larson commented that Akron Township Board is usually reluctant to approve culvert elevation modifications.

Permit No. 17-008, Southview Addition, Phase I. Albright reported the subdivision developer, Kelly Richards, called with concerns about the provisions placed on the elevation of the basements by the City of Glyndon's Engineer, Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI). At their 03/27/17 meeting, the Board approved Permit No. 17-008 for the Southview Addition, with the condition that the houses had to be built with the low opening to elevation 925 and floodproofed basements. After some discussions between Albright, Richards, and the City, the parties agreed to use the BRRWD's basement elevation recommendation, and for now, Richard's concerns seem to have been addressed.

Permit No. 17-010, Marlin (Pete) Ackerson. Applicant proposes to install a 15" dia. x 30' long culvert in his farmstead driveway in the SE¹/₄, Section 7, Humboldt Township, Clay County, to drain water north to a natural waterway. Albright recommended permit approval, subject to Humboldt Township's approval to work within their road R/W.

Permit No. 17-011, Howard Pender. Applicant proposes to install a field approach with a 24" dia. x 52' corrugated metal pipe (CMP) to access a future grain bin site off from C.R. No. 10 in the NW¹/₄, Section 16, Skree Township, Clay County. Albright recommended permit approval, subject to Clay County's approval to work within their road R/W.

Permit No. 17-012, Thomas Jacobson. Applicant proposes to install a 12" dia. culvert in his driveway in SE¹/₄, Section 7, Audubon Township, Becker County. Jones recommended permit approval.

Permit No. 17-013, Deal Brothers. Applicants propose installing tile in the N¹/₂, Section 16, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County. This is a continuation of a previous tiling project for the former landowners. Albright suggested the Board postpone action until he has time to check the files to see if the Board did approve a permit for the earlier project. If there are no problems, the application can be approved.

Motion by Leitch to approve Permit Nos. 17-010 through 17-013, subject to the referenced disclaimers. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.** Permit approval is subject to the applicable standard tile and utility disclaimers, state/federal agency permitting requirements and road authorities' permission to work within their R/W.

Project No. 77, Clay C.D. No. 51-Lateral-Norby Lawsuit. Albright reported that for now, the parties have agreed to wait for Judge Steven Cahill to make a ruling on the Summary Judgement proceeding before scheduling mediation.

Project No. 71, City of Moorhead 50th AVE S. The City of Moorhead signed the Maintenance Agreement. Mike Love and Greg Thompson, HEI, submitted the online levee certification application. Van Amburg signed the Letter Of Map Revision (LOMR) application and HEI forwarded it to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their review and approval.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. The NRCS is making progress on their easement site maintenance. The BRRWD will not reinstall the stoplogs in the dam outlet until NRCS has completed their work. A meeting of the project agency partners will be scheduled sometime in May. Wade Opsahl has contacted contractor Jason Ehlert regarding the spillway installations on the inlet channel west of Tom Arnhalt's property.

The office will arrange a meeting with the Manston Township Supervisors to discuss future road maintenance of the project area. Jones noted that the two miles of 230th AVE between Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, Manston Township, has been regraded/recrowned. The road embankment may have to be opened this summer and some additional compaction work conducted.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation-Phase 4. The contractor, R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., plans to start cleanup work this week. Albright noted that homeowner Duane Egge is waiting for his driveway gravel, per out agreement from last fall.

Albright reported that the Fischer family has accepted the Board's final offer of \$30,000 for their spoil pile lease. They will provide information to the office about how to divide the money among the family members. There were two minor provisions to the agreement that Albright felt could be dealt in the future. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize the office to distribute the payments per the Fischers family's instructions. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

The Kopperud family's attorney, Stephen Welle, forwarded their exhibits to Charlotte Rusch, BRRWD Attorney, Vogel Law Firm, who provided the material for the Board's review. Attorney Rusch will draft the BRRWD response and forward it to Albright for his review. Albright was not certain if Welle has filed the lawsuit yet with the Court.

Albright noted that Open House could be held sometime in May or June and preparations will be addressed when time allows. FEMA notified the BRRWD that they received our levee certification application. Albright noted that FEMA has a prescribed time limit to complete their review and approval process.

Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee. The City of Georgetown has concerns about the Greywind buyout. Albright noted that the entire process was funded by the DNR grant with no cost to the City. Wade S. Opsahl, Technician, HEI, will prepare a formal project maintenance agreement with Georgetown for their review and approval. The road closures will not be completed this year.

Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1). Opsahl contacted landowner Lynn Brakke to conduct the annual ditch inspection, which will be done after spring field work.

FDR Projects:

Mediation Project Team (PT). The next PT meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, in the Barnesville office at 7:00 PM. Notices will be sent this week.

Upper South Branch of the Buffalo River. Albright and Manager Fjestad plan to meet with the Rogelstad family regarding the project on their property.

FM Diversion Authority (DA). Albright noted that we will submit bills to the DA for our three projects that they approved for funding: Upper South Branch of the Buffalo River, Barnesville Township, and Stony Creek.

Barnesville Township. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Concurrence Point #2 has been submitted and is under review.

Stony Creek Retention. An informational meeting to update landowners regarding the project development was held on 03/28/17. Albright commented that he thought the landowners appeared to be interested in the proposed project. The Michael Dohn property downstream of the project is for sale. Albright suggested the BRRWD could consider purchasing it for the project, but the county market value is quite high. The group discussed potential summertime project operation scenarios so that landowners can farm a portion of the permanent pool during the summer, which would reduce the easement costs for this land.

Consultant Proposal. Manager Leitch contacted Steven J. Taff, Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, to tell him that the Board approved his consulting proposal. Albright will send Taff an official letter from the BRRWD, accepting his proposal.

F-M Diversion Project. Manager Anderson noted that DA Property Acquisition Agricultural Subcommittee held a meeting, and he asked Albright to review an easement value handout from the meeting.

One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P). A meeting was held on 04/04/17 with area agencies and County Commissioners to discuss the 1W1P process and the 2015 Buffer Law. Albright noted that the agencies are submitting their resolutions for the 1W1P. Jones plans to circulate the 1W1P application among the project partners for comments and then to submit the grant application by the 04/19/17 deadline. Albright prepared a resolution for the Board's review to request that Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) waive the amendments to the April 25, 2012, Order, which gave the BRRWD two years to update our existing Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP) to include the new area, and to commit to the 1W1P process with the understanding that if the BRRWD does not receive BWSR funding for their 1W1P effort, we will complete our RWMP updated by November 2018, as noted in the BWSR Level II Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) recommendations. **Motion** by Hanson to approve the referenced resolution. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

Otter Tail/Buffalo/Upper Red Rivers Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)/Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS). Albright reported Tim James, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), prepared a distribution list for the Upper Red River TMDL, but didn't have the correct recipients. Albright forwarded the correct information.

Data Management System. HEI has completed work on the server upgrade in preparation for the M-files install coming up in the next several weeks. Marco, Inc. will be conducting a training session for the BRRWD staff on 04/18/17 in our office.

Wilkin C.D. No. 7 Repairs. The contractor, States Border Construction, started on the second mile of the north-south portion of C.D. No. 7.

Wilkin C.D. No. 6A. As soon as frost conditions allow, County Highway Department will be out to level the spoil and then the seeding can be done. Albright and Jones will work with landowner Steve Ouse regarding his inlet requests. Albright will also be meeting with the Viewers regarding the redetermination of benefits proceeding.

Clay C.D. No. 3 Slope Repair. Albright visited with Ray Johnson regarding the repair of approximately 0.25 miles of C.D. No. 3 outlet east of C.R. No. 11 in Section 8, Moland Township, near Glyndon. He will send the affected landowners a copy of the repair plans for their review, including the proposed additional R/W acreage for their respective properties.

MPCA MS4. Jones provided handouts regarding MPCA Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) enforcement response procedures (ERPs) and standard operating procedures (SOPs) requirements for the Board's review. **Motion** by Anderson to adopt the ERPs and SOPs for the MS4 area within the BRRWD. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.**

Wilkin C.D. Nos. 40/43. HEI is still working on the repair investigation the Board approved at their 03/27/17 meeting for some areas with steep slopes on C.D. Nos. 43 and 44 that pose a road safety hazard.

2015 Buffer Law. Albright noted that the Buffer Law was a discussion topic at the 04/04/17 1W1P meeting. Manager Fjestad commented on the constitutionality of the effort to include private property in the buffer mandate.

Elkton Township Wetland Restoration. Albright explained an issue that has developed regarding the Jerome Briks Family LP's purchase of banking credits to resolve a wetland mitigation issue in Section 28, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County. It appears that the whole affected wetland must be mitigated, including

the acreage (0.3 acres) on the neighbor's property. Albright will contact the Briks family regarding this new issue.

Wolverton Creek Restoration. Jones has been working with Caroline Clarin, NRCS, Fergus Fall, on a decision about the project's eligibility for their Wetlands Reserve Enhancement (WRE) program. Albright reported that the NRCS recently determined that none of the landowners who applied for the WRE program are eligible. Albright will continue to work with Clarin and Lanette Dietrich, Assistant State Conservationist-Easements, NRCS, on these problems.

Otter Tail River Restoration. The COE has scheduled a two-day workshop regarding their Section 1135 Project on the Lower Otter Tail River tomorrow at 1:00 PM (April 11) and at 8:00 AM on April 12, 2017 in our Barnesville office. The BRRWD has also scheduled a landowner informational meeting to be held on at 7:00 PM on 04/11/17 in the Breckenridge City Hall.

Whiskey Creek Restoration. The BRRWD plans to schedule a landowner informational meeting to review the survey and study after spring planting.

2017 BWSR Academy. BWSR will hold their annual training academy on November 1-3, 2017, at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd. In accordance with the BWSR PRAP II recommendations, BRRWD Managers should consider participation.

Albright noted that this event is the type of education/training that BWSR recommended for the BRRWD Managers in our PRAP Review. Manager Leitch offered to arrange some training sessions and asked the other Managers what types of training might interest them. The Board had an extended discussion about possible training topics.

Sellin Brothers, Inc. Anniversary Celebration. The Board received an invitation to the 70th Anniversary of Sellin Brothers, Inc., in Hawley on April 28, 2017, from 4:00-7:00 PM.

Water Quality Monitoring. A River Watch meeting was held on 03/31/17 to discuss the regional assessment locators (rals) and 2017 monitoring/coordination with International Water Institute (IWI), MPCA, and the DNR. Water monitoring information was provided to the Managers for their review.

Oakport Town Hall. The Oakport Township Hall, including two parcels of land, is for sale. Albright has been in contact with Township Chairman Tim Brendemuhl about a possible purchase of this parcel as a buffer for the C.D. No. 41 outlet. There are 4.6 acres with a total value of \$112,800. Currently, the BRRWD has 49.5' of R/W on either side of C.D. No. 41. Jones will investigate how much more R/W we could use for future ditch maintenance and possible ditch alignment changes on the American Crystal Sugar (ACS) property. Once that acreage is calculated, Albright could discuss our needs with the Township and make an offer for the land.

Project No. 16, Stinking Lake. Albright mentioned that the DNR has submitted a permit for BRRWD comment that would allow the Lake to be drawn down. Albright sent a reply that the BRRWD is working with the DNR and others on a project for the Lake and that the BRRWD would recommend permit approval.

Red River Log Jam. Derek Ellingson contacted the office on 04/07/17 to report a log jam on Minnesota side of the Red River north of the Binger farmstead site in Section 7, Holy Cross Township, Clay County. There is also slumping along the river bank.

MPDM Update. BWSR is holding public informational meeting/workshop regarding the updated Minnesota Public Drainage Manual (MPDM) in Moorhead on May 22, 2017, in the Moorhead State Community and Technical College.

Dam Inspection Reports. Opsahl completed the annual inspection of the dams associated with BRRWD projects. Repairs will be done as needed, and the report will be placed on file.

Red River Erosion Control. Jones noted that the Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) received BWSR funding for erosion control work along the Red River. They have modified their workplan to include either installation of side inlets or grade control structures. Work has already been completed on C.D. Nos. 5A, 22, and 26. Both Clay C.D. No. 53 and J.D. No. 1 outlets to Wolverton Creek would be eligible for SWCD funding for erosion control repairs. The grant would cover 75% of the repair costs. Jones noted that the repair plans for these two ditches are part of the Wolverton Creek channel restoration project design. The remaining 25% of the costs would be paid as a ditch system expense. **Motion** by Anderson to authorize HEI to advertise for bids for the referenced ditch repairs. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

True North Steel Open House. The Board has been invited to a plant tour/Open House for True North Steel on Friday, April 21, 2017, in Fargo.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
AmeriPride	March billing, rugs	Admin.	\$ 96.21
Barnesville Phone Company	03/25/17 billing	Admin.	\$ 288.82
Bruce E. Albright	Viewers Association dues/registration (3)	Admin.	\$ 150.00
Bruce E. Albright	MAWD Legislative lodging (3)	Admin.	\$ 699.50
City of Barnesville	02/14/17-03/14/17 utilities	Admin.	\$ 607.26
Dacotah Paper Co.	#61496, Paper towels/TP	Admin.	\$ 132.33
HEI	March billing	Varies-see attached	\$ 125,143.19
Jason Rick Snow Removal LLC	March billing (1)	Admin.	\$ 110.00
Jerome Flottesmesch	03/31/17 Advisory meeting mileage	Admin.	\$ 49.76
John Boen	03/31/17 Advisory meeting mileage	Admin.	\$ 15.09
Marco	#INV4165673, M-Files support	Admin.	\$ 9,618.75
Marco	INV4167941, M-Files Software	Admin.	\$ 19,756.44
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, etc.	Admin.	\$ 100.00
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-03-17, water	Admin.	\$ 48.92
Quill	#5415283, office supplies	Admin.	\$ 65.03
RRVCPA	03/01/17-04/01/17 service (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 168.77
Wayne Brendemuhl	03/31/17 Advisory meeting mileage	Admin.	\$ 37.45
Wilkin Co. Highway Department	Repairs	Wilkin C.D. No. 6A	\$ 18,096.84
Wilkin Co. Highway Department	Engineering	Wilkin C.D. No. 15	\$ 2,438.97
WREC	02/18/17-03/18/17 service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 66.81
Xcel Energy	02/27/17-03/28/17 service	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 87.04
Xcel Energy	02/26/17-03/27/17 office	Admin.	\$ 98.35
			\$ 177,875.53

Motion by Fjestad to approve payment of the bills. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

Next Meeting. The Board will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

Adjournment. Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary