# BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

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## MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING October 15, 2019

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, October 15, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Jay A. Leitch, Peter V. Fjestad, Mark T. Anderson, John E. Hanson, Troy E. Larson, and Catherine L. Affield. BRRWD staff attending included: Bruce E. Albright, Administrator, Kathleen K. Fenger, Assistant Administrator, and Erik S. Jones, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI). Others attending included Stephen Hanson, Associate, Ohnstad Twitchell, and landowners Don Nelson, Chuck Anderson, and Mark Nyquist.

BRRWD President Leitch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced that the proceedings were being video recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

**Agenda.** Leitch asked for comments or additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, the agenda was adopted.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 9/23/19 regular meeting. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved**. The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 6/4/19 Project No. 27, Clay County Ditch (C.D.) No. 55 informational meeting, the 12/13/18 Whiskey Creek Enhancement informational meeting, and the 3/27/18 Glyndon Waterway informational meeting. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the referenced 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 accounts receivable. Cash on hand is \$3,232,907.52. Administrative disbursements this month equal \$31,343.47, and for the year, total \$258,228.45. Accounts Receivables currently total \$4,579,915. Total income this year is \$4,506,201.32. Income received since the 9/9/19 meeting totaled \$59,953.11, including \$16,546 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to close out the Otter Tail River Planning 319 grant and \$1,973.17 for the Upper Buffalo River 319 grant; \$33,136.50 from Wilkin County for the Buffer Initiative Aid payment, \$1,383.60 from landowner payments for the Section 27, Manston Township, waterway repair. The remainder of the income came from Midwest Bank for August interest (\$6,688.84) and HEI for their monthly office rent (\$225). Motion by Anderson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Van Amburg. Approved.

The Board briefly discussed Wilkin County's property tax billing error for the Project No. 78, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch (J.D.) No. 1 bond assessment. The computer error was identified, and corrected tax statements have been distributed.

At their 10/8/19 meeting, the Clay County Commissioners declined to approve petitions for the BRRWD to use our taxing authority for two 2020 general levies in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3. Albright and Fenger, plus Managers Leitch, Fjestad, Affield, and Anderson attended the Wilkin County Commissioners' meeting this morning (10/15/19) to ask for their support of our general levy tax petitions, which they approved.

## Citizens to Be Heard.

Mark Nyquist Request. Nyquist requested permission to install a field approach/crossing off Clay County Road (C.R.) No. 12 on C.D. No. 9 as an emergency measure to complete his beet harvest in the N½, Section 6, Elmwood Township, Clay County. Nyquist has already contacted the Highway Department regarding this proposal. Albright suggested that Nyquist could install the approach this fall, and if possible, remove it before freeze-up. He could then file a BRRWD permit application next spring and work with the BRRWD on a permanent solution for the ditch crossing. There was a brief discussion about culvert sizing and culvert cost-sharing. Jones noted that HEI picked up the area culvert sizes this afternoon. There is a 36" dia. culvert in C.R. No. 11. Nyquist's existing field crossings are two lines of 51" x 31" reinforced concrete arch pipe (RCP-A) and two lines of 58" x 36" RCP-A. He added that the ditch has good grade, so even if the temporary culvert is undersized, only Nyquist's drainage could be affected. Motion by Anderson to approve a temporary emergency crossing on C.D. No. 9 for Mark Nyquist, as referenced. Seconded by Hanson. Approved.

### Other Business brought before the Board included:

## F-M Diversion Authority (DA) Revised Project.

- Leitch reported that he checked with the BRRWD Attorney following his trip. Since he didn't hear back from them, he assumed there were no new developments in the appeal lawsuit. Albright reported that a new Judge has been appointed and a hearing has been scheduled in October at the Becker County Courthouse in Detroit Lakes to review the Richland/Wilkin Upstream Coalition's request to join in the lawsuit.
- The trial regarding our Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit contested case is scheduled for June 2020. The judge in this case denied the FM DA's request to bar discussion about Plan A in the deliberations.
- The Minnesota Land Committee met on 9/26/19. Jones attended the meeting in BRRWD President Leitch's absence. He reported that the Cass County Joint Water Resource District quit-claimed the deed for a parcel of land in Holy Cross Township to the Minnesota Land Committee. The property is involved in an easement for the Wolverton Creek Restoration project. He forwarded the easement paperwork to FM DA Attorney Shockley for review. To date, there has been no response. Jones hopes to have the easement ready for the Minnesota Land Committee to sign at their meeting later in October. Albright noted that the office received calls from landowners concerning Land Committee requests for access to perform survey work and soil borings for pre and post-environmental monitoring on their property. He advised the landowners that giving the survey crews access shouldn't be a problem.

Leitch briefly discussed a question about his voting privileges on the Land Committee. Staff will investigate and forward the results to him.

Permit No. 19-122, Hunt Electric Corporation. Applicant proposes to install four solar community gardens at various locations in Flowing and Spring Prairie Townships. Work will consist of the installation of access roads and/or culverts off Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 or County Highway No. 26. Structures will be sized to match adjacent existing culverts. Applicant has already contacted Clay County Planning and Zoning and the Highway Department, who has agreed to contact the Townships regarding work on their roads. Albright commented that all four of the proposed sites are prone to flooding. Jones discussed the different site plans and noted that the plans call for the solar panels to be raised to allow for flooding. He recommended permit approval, subject to our standard utility disclaimer, County, and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) permission to work within their road right-of-way (R/W).

<u>Permit No. 19-123, Steve Neppl, Wilkin County Highway Department.</u> Applicant proposes raising a culvert through Sha ST in Foxhome and minor regrading to drain water east toward County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 19, then south 800 feet and then west to CSAH No. 23, eventually to C.D. No. 37 along T.H. No. 210 to which it is assessed, in accordance with a request from MNDOT. Jones recommended permit approval.

Permit No. 19-124, Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Applicant proposes to replace an existing 18" dia. culvert in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 20, Nordick Township, Wilkin County, with a new 36" dia. pipe to repair a washed out culvert on Andy Beyer's property. Jones recommended permit approval, subject to County approval to work within their road R/W.

<u>Motion</u> by Fjestad to approve Permit Nos. 19-122 through 19-124, subject to the referenced disclaimers and conditions. <u>Seconded</u> by Affield. <u>Approved.</u>

**Boardroom Audio-Visual Updates.** Leitch asked staff to investigate the cost for monitors that could be mounted on the Boardroom table. He also asked staff to research the requirements for remote meeting attendance procedures. Fenger informed Leitch that staff has already requested a quote from NetCenter Technologies.

<u>Miscellaneous Investigations/Complaints/Violations.</u> Albright discussed a report he prepared for the Board's review dealing with ongoing District issues that don't fall into the "Action Items" category. He plans to keep this report updated and to distribute it to the Managers with the draft minutes prior to our meetings. The Board had an extended discussion regarding a number of the items on the list:

- **Paul Johnson/Duane Hanson.** In 2011, Paul Johnson applied for a permit to lower a culvert in 145<sup>th</sup> ST S in Section 16, Riverton Township, Clay County. Approved as Permit No. 11-20 on 04/11/11, it contained conditions that it was subject to Township approval to work within their road R/W, Manager field review, and downstream landowner approval. Opsahl and Manager Nelson conducted a field review on 10/10/11 and found that the road ditch on the west side of 145th ST S was not adequate to drain the water north. The Board suggested that Johnson drain the water north on the east side of the road. Gary Johnson, Paul's son, stopped in the office for several years to periodically check on the status of the permit and to explain why the culvert should be lowered. On 09/09/13, Albright contacted HEI for a few survey shots in the area. The Johnsons claimed that because of the farmstead on the north side of Section 16 (Bonnie Schulz), the water cannot drain north on the east side of the road. On 4/2/19, Duane Hanson applied for Permit No. 19-018, to lower the same culvert. On 4/8/19, the Board postponed action again on this request, and Albright was to work with the affected parties (Hanson, Johnson, Riverton Township, and Perry Game, the downstream landowner). On 4/9/19, Hanson called to discuss the culvert lowering and that he would need downstream landowner and Township approvals. On 4/10/19, Riverton Township Supervisor Archie Tanner called the office to report that Hanson had been at their meeting the night before, demanding permission to lower the culvert. On 8/13/19, Tanner called the office to report that Hanson had lowered the culvert, and also added a new approach and culvert on the south side of the property off 17<sup>th</sup> AVE S. Albright visited the site and took photographs. Riverton Township Supervisor Lee Alm also contacted the Clay County Sherriff's office, and Deputy Nicole Reno took the complaint. The matter is currently unresolved. Neither the BRRWD nor Riverton Township has taken any action against Duane Hanson or Paul Johnson.
- James Giedt, Section 2, Riverton Township, Clay County. Giedt and his neighbor, Richard Berg, have again contacted the Clay County Planning and Zoning and the BRRWD offices regarding their ongoing concerns about water draining from a gravel pit east of their property, operated by Aggregate Industries. Giedt recently called the office and threatened a lawsuit regarding Aggregate Industries' release of water. Aggregate has an MPCA permit for discharge. The Board discussed Giedt's

concerns. He said water is seeping underground from South Dakota. Albright told Giedt that the Board would discuss this issue at tonight's meeting. Giedt expects a call back after the meeting.

- <u>Lake Fifteen-Palya/Brunette.</u> Albright discussed the Lake Fifteen-Marita Palya/Bryan Brunette/Park Township dispute regarding Brunette's illegal drainage and road maintenance impacting 86<sup>th</sup> AVE S. At the 10/01/19 Parke Township meeting, the Township authorized Tami L. Norgard, Attorney, Vogel Law Firm, to write Brunette a letter regarding his work on the Township's road. Norgard's letter advised Brunette that he must desist from further illegal activities involving the stretch of 86<sup>th</sup> AVE S along his property, or the Township will notify the County Sheriff and press charges.
- Galaxie Driveway Culvert, Section 28, Humboldt Township, Clay County. For several years, landowner Alan Lenz has complained about water standing in the T.H. No. 34 north ditch along his property across the road from the Galaxie Supper Club. The approach/culvert off from 100<sup>th</sup> ST S into the Galaxie is set too high. Albright prepared a cost-share agreement with Lenz, MNDOT, Humboldt Township, Ace Greg (who now owns the Galaxie), and the BRRWD. The estimated cost to lower the culvert is \$6,156, assuming it can be salvaged. The office sent the affected parties a letter on 10/1/19 with the settlement agreement. Lenz refused to sign the agreement or share the cost to get the culvert lowered. Leitch suggested that another letter could be sent to Lenz to explain that this was our final offer for a solution to the drainage problem. If he's not interested in participating in the settlement agreement, then the BRRWD will have no more involvement with this issue.
- <u>City of Baker, Section 1, Alliance Township, Clay County.</u> Wade Opsahl, Technician, HEI, has been meeting with landowners in and around the City of Baker, who experienced recurring flooding problems during this spring's runoff and the heavy rains received this summer. There is a deteriorated culvert under the railroad tracks. Opsahl relayed the information to Dave Overbo, Engineer, Clay County Highway Department. Jones also visited with Overbo regarding this issue. Overbo plans to conduct a survey of their ditch in this area to find a solution for Baker's drainage problems.
- Agassiz Valley Elevator, Section 13, Barnesville Township, Clay County. Opsahl worked with the elevator this spring regarding flooding that was occurring on their property. Snow was removed from a ditch and the threat was addressed. However, this summer, representatives from Barnesville Township contacted the BRRWD regarding a culvert in the Burlington Northern/Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad grade and a ditch that needs to be cleaned in the railroad R/W. On 9/3/19, Albright contacted BNSF regarding the problem and asked them to investigate. Rachael Powers, Senior Manager, Real Estate, Genesee & Wyoming Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, replied on 9/4/19, stating that she had asked local railroad representatives to investigate. To date, there has been no further response from BNSF. Barnesville Township Supervisor Chuck Anderson noted that BNSF did clean out the culvert, but now there are drainage problems downstream of the BNSF property. Jones noted that after a cursory investigation today, it appears that the site can't drain north. He is working with the Township to find a solution.
- Alex Settelmeyer, Tile Complaint, NW¼, Section 28, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County. Several years ago, the BRRWD worked with Bob and Bruce Yaggie regarding relocation of the tile pump that drains their property in Section 28, Mitchell Township. The outlet was moved to a point just south of a driveway into a farmstead now owned by Alex Settelmeyer. The tile line was installed a couple of years ago with a force main to take the water through Settelmeyer's yard to a culvert that drains the tile water north on the east side of 180<sup>th</sup> AVE. The actual tile line was installed by Myron Tschakert, Tight Line Drainage Company. The outlet force main joints were apparently never glued, or they have come apart. Now there are holes opening up in Settelmeyer's yard, and given their history, the Settelmeyers are reluctant to let the Yaggies back onto their property to fix the problem. Albright reported that recently Ellingson Drainage did dig up one of the joints and found that the

outlet pipes are 8" dual wall pipes and the joints were installed the wrong way, so they just fell apart. The tile will have to be replaced and reinstalled. Yaggie is working with Settelmeyer to get that work completed. Albright thought that this issue should be resolved in the near future.

- Mark Rustad Violation Complaint. Rustad called the office back in September with a complaint about a backhoe working in DNR protected waters on the unnamed tributary to Whisky Creek in Section 15, Alliance Township, Clay County. Shane Thompson had contacted the office earlier about cattail and corn stalk removal in the waterway. The DNR has a policy that no permit is required for debris removal, as long as the stream bed is not altered. Rustad called the office again on 10/08/19 regarding the debris removal. Albright contacted Shane Thompson, who said he did remove debris in accordance with his earlier discussions with Albright. Albright also did a final review on that date and found no violations. Rustad called again on 10/10/19 and was still upset about the work. He said because of the high water, we can't see the extent of the cleanout work (200'-250') in the channel. Albright told Rustad we'd have to field review again when the water elevations are lower, and conditions permit.
- Todd Boit Violations, Section 13, Audubon Township, Becker County. For several years, the office has worked with Todd Boit regarding work he did to plug a drain tile and farmstead driveway culverts, which occurred again this summer. A field meeting was held with Boit, the neighboring landowner (Greg Ronning), and his renter (Kraig Nelson). Boit was told to restore the driveway drainage. Albright noted that he needs to check to see if that has ever been completed. Secondly, Boit had a permit application on file with the BRRWD to lower a culvert in C.R. No. 144, which was denied by the Board on 8/12/19 because the neighboring landowner would not sign the downstream notification form. Albright contacted Boit regarding this issue on 8/13/19. On Friday, 9/6/19, the office received a telephone call from Laurie Lewis, daughter of Keith Ronning, who owns and resides on the property on the north side of the road downstream of Boit. She reported that Boit was unloading a backhoe. He did work on both the south and north sides of C.R. No. 144. Lewis forwarded an email with photos she took of Boit's excavation work on that date. Albright shared those photos with Jim Olson, Becker County Highway Engineer, but to date, there has been no response from his office. Albright conducted a field review and took pictures on 10/03/19. The driveway culvert is set too high, holding water on Kraig Nelson's field. Albright will need to contact Boit regarding his drainage violation.

**Project No. 23, Becker C.D. No. 15-Branch 7 Repairs.** At their 7/8/19 meeting, the Board approved repairs for Branch 7 to replace washed out structures in 220<sup>th</sup> ST on the Audubon/Hamden Township line and agreed to work with Audubon Township on a cost-share agreement to pay for the work. The estimated cost for the work is \$12,000 to \$15,000. At their 9/23/19 meeting, the Board approved a cost-share proposal for Audubon Township to pay \$5,000 of the final repair costs, and the ditch system would pick up the remainder. Albright reported that Hamden and Audubon Townships have agreed to split the proposed \$5,000 township contribution 50/50. The Board was satisfied with this arrangement, and the Branch 7 repairs can move forward this fall, subject to weather conditions.

<u>Project No. 39, Georgetown Levees.</u> Jones noted that John Devine, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), sent a message to the City of Georgetown with a list of items the City will need to address regarding their floodplain ordinances, but it appears that FEMA will issue a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the Wambach property. Albright noted that Clay County held a Floodplain Administrators' meeting recently, and DNR floodplain representative, Ceil Strauss, attended. Jones notified Georgetown about the meeting so the City officials could receive guidance regarding their role as the City's floodplain administrator, but they did not attend.

<u>Project No. 78, Clay/Wilkin J.D. No. 1-Improvement.</u> Jones submitted Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$132,875.55 for Dennis Drewes, Inc. <u>Motion</u> by Hanson to approve the referenced pay request. <u>Seconded</u>

by Fjestad. <u>Approved.</u> Anderson shared photographs taken on site today. Albright noted that two of the three existing crossings have been reset.

<u>Project No. 79, Wolverton Creek Restoration.</u> Jones submitted Pay Request No. 9 for Sellin Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$174,672.13. <u>Motion</u> by Anderson to approve the referenced pay request. <u>Seconded</u> by Fjestad. <u>Approved.</u>

<u>Project No. 80, Stony Creek Water Resource Management.</u> Jones is working on alternative analyses for the project, as directed by the Board at their 9/9/19 meeting.

**Elkton Wetland Restoration.** The Board discussed site maintenance given the wet conditions this fall. Chuck Anderson has been mowing the restoration site for the past several years, but this fall, it's too wet to mow. Albright noted that the staff recommends the Board authorize a controlled site burn next year to address weed infestation and stimulate native grass growth. Prairie Restorations, Inc. provided a cost estimate of approximately \$6,000 for the work. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the recommended site burn in 2020 when conditions allow. **Seconded** by Hanson. **Approved.** 

Wilkin C.D. No. 27 Retrofit. At their 9/23/19 meeting, the Board approved moving ahead with the proposed C.D. No. 27 retrofit project. After receiving a few calls from landowners who don't support the repair, Albright suggested the Board hold another landowner informational meeting next spring prior to construction season to review the project. Jones noted that the project cost estimate (approximately \$591,000) is based on hiring a contractor. If the Wilkin County Highway Department does the work, the costs could be lowered by one-third or more. Motion by Larson to schedule a second landowner informational meeting in early 2020 and review the decision to move forward with the project following that meeting. Seconded by Affield. Approved.

## The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount	
AmeriPride	September Rug Billing	Admin.	\$	87.72
Bob Bowers	Beaver Control	Varies	\$	1,300.00
Cardmember Service	October Billing	Varies	\$	322.12
Carmen Pattengale	September Cleaning (2)	Admin.	\$	130.00
City of Barnesville	#10038220, September Billing	Admin.	\$	650.17
Cooper's Office Supply	#442030, Keyboard Tray	Admin.	\$	426.43
Dacotah Paper Co.	Office supplies, Etc.	Admin.	\$	131.90
Darin Brandt	2019 Crop Damages	Pj. 79, Wolverton Crk.	\$	416.00
Dennis Drewes Inc.	Pay Request No. 3	Pj. 78, Clay-Wilkin J. D. No. 1	\$	132,875.55
Fitzgerald Construction Inc.	#33445 & #33462, Clay Deliveries	Varies	\$	746.47
HEI	October Billing	Varies-See attached	\$	124,124.36
LM Road Services	Ditch Spraying	Varies	\$	17,053.30
LREC	09/01/19-10/01/19	Pj. 79, Wolverton Crk.	\$	29.21
Mark T. Anderson	Voucher #19-23, 07/01/19-08/31/19	Varies	\$	658.50
Matt Jirava	#CWL-1-TD, WASCBs	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$	4,926.00
MPS	08/19/19-09/18/19 Service, FL #21	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$	30.11
MPS	09/04/19-10/02/18 Service (4)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$	191.78
NetCenter Technologies	#173206, Remote Camera Support	Admin.	\$	57.50
Northern States Excavating	Repairs	Varies	\$	1,122.50
Premium Waters	366590-09-19, Sept. Water Billing	Admin.	\$	57.79
Purchase Power	October Billing	Admin.	\$	150.00
Quill Corporation	#1525376, Office Supplies	Admin.	\$	19.99
Quill Corporation	#1458154, Office Supplies	Admin.	\$	173.98
Richards Transportation	Fall Tour Bus Rental	Mediation PT	\$	600.00
RMB Environmental Labs.	#472144, WQ Analysis	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$	790.00
RMB Environmental Labs.	#473055, WQ Analysis	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$	605.00
RMB Environmental Labs.	#473805, WQ Analysis	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$	522.00
RMB Environmental Labs.	#473498, WQ Analysis	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$	174.00
Roger Lundberg	10/08/19 Beaver Control Billing	Becker C.D. No. 19	\$	1,251.96
RRVCPA	09/01/19-10/01/19 Service	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$	82.59

Sellin Brothers, Inc.	Pay Request No. 9	Pj. 79, Wolverton Crk.	\$ 174,672.13
United States Treasury	3rd QTR Form 941 Taxes	Admin.	\$ 1,591.20
US Bank	#396720179, 09/27/19-10/27/19 Contract	Admin.	\$ 274.65
Vogel Law Firm	#242754, September Billing	COE	\$ 9,876.40
Vogel Law Firm	#243321, September Billing	Pj. 79, Wolverton Crk.	\$ 147.00
Wade Opsahl	Viewer's Meals	Wilkin C.D. No. 6A	\$ 40.70
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#306, Beaver Dam Removal	Pj. 13, Hay Crk.	\$ 328.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#307, Gate repair	Pj. 30, Clay-Wilkin J. D. No. 1	\$ 205.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#308, Gravel	Pj. 21, Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 311.25
WREC	08/18/19-09/18/19 Service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 68.50
Xcel Energy	08/25/19-09/24/19 Service	Admin.	\$ 62.99
			\$ 477,284.75

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

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD). MAWD has scheduled their annual meeting and trade show for December 4-7, 2019. Albright noted that when MAWD forwards the 2019 policy resolutions, the Board should take some time at an upcoming meeting to review and discuss them. The Board discussed having a booth at the tradeshow and agreed to authorize the staff to prepare a display.

Comments and Announcements. The Board watched an excerpt from a video of the 10/8/19 Clay County Board of Commissioners' meeting, showing their discussion regarding the BRRWD's request for approval of our M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, taxing authority petitions. The video featured Commissioner Kevin Campbell's comments about the BRRWD's decision to deny the FM DA Diversion project permit application, the BRRWD's request for a contested case hearing regarding the DNR's permit approval for the Diversion, and the distribution of Manager positions on the BRRWD Board.

Manager Anderson commented on the Clay County Commission's decision to deny the BRRWD general levy petitions. The Board discussed Clay County's concerns about the distribution of Board Manager positions. When the District was enlarged in 2012, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) added one Manager from Otter Tail County and another from Wilkin County to expand the Board to seven Managers. Clay County was concerned about maintaining their voting majority and asked BWSR to increase their representation on the Board. BWSR decided to add the Otter Tail and Wilkin County positions but denied increasing the number of Clay County Managers. Albright noted that Clay County has plans to contact BWSR about reconsidering their decision.

<u>Next Meeting Agenda.</u> Leitch asked to add a discussion regarding the HEI 2020 contract to the next meeting agenda.

<u>Next Meeting.</u> The next regular BRRWD meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

**Adjournment.** President Leitch adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary