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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday December 9, 2024

**Managers Present:** Peter Fjestad; Catherine Affield; William Davis; Troy Larson; Gerald Van Amburg.

**Managers Absent:** Curtis Stubstad; Todd Andresen.

**Staff Present:** Kristine Goeden, Administrator; Matthew Schlauderaff, Watershed Specialist.

**Consultants Present:** Bennett Uhler, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI).

**Others Attending:** None.

President Fjestad called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Affield, **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

*Board of Managers went into Closed Executive Session at 7:01 PM under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd 3b for **Project No. 81 - Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project.** Attorney provided an update on active litigation.*

*Executive Session ended at 7:46 PM.*

**Motion** to retain Gordon Reese Scully Mansukhani, LLP by Larson, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion** to appoint Fjestad, Stubstad, and Davis to represent BRRWD for mediation by Larson, **Seconded** by Van Amburg. Two of the three Managers should be present to represent BRRWD. **Motion Carried.**

**Citizens to be Heard:**

None.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve consent agenda items:

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Financial Report

Permit Nos.

24-123, Alex Soyting – bridge removal and culvert installation, NW ¼, Section 34, Holy Cross Township, Clay County with conditions

Project No. 81 – Whiskey Creek Enhancement Phase 3, Pay Estimate No. 12 for \$83,339.70

by Affield **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

**Permits for Discussion:**

**Permit No. 24-124. Kasin Farms.** Applicant proposes to install water and sediment control basins in NE ¼, Section 26, Hawley Township, Clay County. Project has been designed to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards. Natural flow path of water remains unchanged. Tile outlets into Silver Lake, which is an adequate outlet. Uhler recommended approval subject to standard tile conditions and approval from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) to work within a Public Water. **Motion** to approve Permit No. 24-124 with conditions as presented, by Larson, **Seconded** by Van Amburg. **Motion Carried.**

Larson provided update on Permit No. 24-121 approved at the November 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Permit discussion brought concerns from neighboring landowners about drainage in County Road ditch. Larson discussed concerns with Wilkin County Commissioners who expressed interest in meeting with BRRWD to discuss concerns and possible solutions. Board of Managers requested Uhler investigate concerns and develop recommendation for meeting with Wilkin County.

**Projects:**

**City of Georgetown Flood Mitigation Project. Resolution No. 24-001 to Initiate Project. Motion** to approve Resolution No. 24-001 to initiate establishment of Project No. 83 – City of Georgetown Flood Mitigation Project by Van Amburg, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**City of Wolverton Flood Mitigation Project. Resolution No. 24-002 to Initiate Project. Motion** to approve Resolution No. 24-002 to initiate establishment of Project No. 84 – City of Wolverton Flood Mitigation Project by Van Amburg, **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

**Ditches:**

**Clay County Ditch No. 33. Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition for Repair.** Uhler provided update on Clay County Ditch No. 33 outlet repair. BRRWD will need to acquire additional ROW for repair. Board of Managers discussed possible need for additional ROW to flatten slopes, if planned 4:1 slopes fail after repair is complete. **Motion** to authorize staff to work with landowners to acquire additional ROW for repair by Larson, **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

**Drainage Repair Recommendations**

<b>Drainage</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Problem/Proposed Work</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Clay County Ditch No. 41 Lat. 2	Moorhead	10 & 11	Shrubs and saplings growing along side slopes. Patch brush mowing and spraying for roughly 6 acres.	\$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00
Wilkin County Ditch No. 6A	Meadows	8, 9, & 10	Brush and trees growing along side slopes and in channel. Remove and burn roughly 3 acres of trees.	\$24,000.00 - \$26,000.00

**Motion** to approve repairs as presented, by Larson, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Other:**

**Minnesota Watersheds Annual Conference. Overview.** Fjestad, Affield, Stubstad, Goeden, Schlauderaff, and Uhler attended Minnesota Watersheds Annual Conference. Attendees provided Board of Managers with overview of conference.

**Bills. Motion** to approve bills totaling \$419,787.30 by Van Amburg, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Next Regular Meeting and Annual Meeting.** Monday January 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office.

President Fjestad adjourned meeting at 8:22 PM.

/s/ William Davis \_\_\_\_\_  
William Davis  
Secretary