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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING

April 24, 2017

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 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); Harold J. Rotunda, Certified Public Accountant (CPA); Troy Tooz, Lightowler Johnson Associates (LJA); Cecil Johnson, Mayor, City of Glyndon; Jim Sullivan; Ken Parke; David Owings; Kelly Richards; and landowners David Umlauf, Linda Umlauf, Caroline Swenson, Thomas Paulson, Ed Askegaard, Ross Aigner, Joseph Wulfekuhle, Lowell Picotte, and Kent Packer.

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 04/10/17 regular meeting. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report. Albright reviewed the BRRWD's financial status. Cash on hand is \$1,613,030.97. Total income to date is \$349,064.48. We have had no income since the 04/10/17 meeting. Albright plans to prepare a pay request to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation. Wells Fargo Bank (Philadelphia) and the First International Bank in Moorhead would like to meet with the BRRWD to discuss our banking needs. Albright will meet with First International on Friday, April 28, 2017. He noted that switching banks is a complicated task, and he didn't foresee recommending any changes.

Permit No. 17-008, Southview Addition, Phase I. Albright gave a brief overview of the 1997 flooding problems caused by breakout water in Section 14, Glyndon Township, Clay County. Also of concern is the current permit conditions about the floodproofing provisions the BRRWD placed on the basements for the proposed Southview Addition, Phase I. Following the 1997 flood, the City's Engineer indicated that there would be no basements built in this flood prone area; however, most of the homes in Centennial Addition I are bilevels. Albright noted that since the 1997 flood, the BRRWD has provided some flood relief for the City by building the Riverton Township Detention project upstream. The subdivision is assessed benefits for that project. Also, since 1997 a culvert was installed in County Road (C.R.) No. 17 that diverts some of the area water west, but Albright didn't feel that these two projects would handle a 1997 type flood without some impacts in Section 14. Part of the City south of 12th ST is mapped as floodplain by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Last spring, Sullivan Construction received a BRRWD permit for an additional 140 lots in this area with the understanding that the building pads would be at elevation 925. C.R. No. 17 is at elevation 924, so homes in this area are above the road elevation and shouldn't have sheet flooding entering the buildings. The proposed Southview Addition is west of the Sullivan addition and not in the FEMA floodplain.

Following the 03/27/17 Board meeting, the Southview Addition developer, Kelly Richards, called the office with concerns about the permit conditions. The Board approved Permit No. 17-008 with the conditions that no openings should be built below elevation 925 and any basements should be floodproofed. Soil borings from 1996 show that this area has a high groundwater table. The project plans call for storm water ponds that could potentially be lower than the ground water table. Albright noted that the BRRWD has had several

meetings with the City and Richards, and one of the topics was a possible future project to address the flooding problems in the City. There is also a drainage problem on the east side of Glyndon along Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 10. Erosion coming from land north of T.H. No. 10 has filled in the waterway that drains the City's treatment ponds.

In addition, it appears that Glyndon doesn't have an exemption from FEMA for any basements in the floodplain. Albright explained that in the 1970s when Moorhead, Dilworth, and Clay County, applied for FEMA basement exemptions, several of the smaller communities (Glyndon, Comstock, Georgetown, Barnesville, and Hawley) decided to administer their own floodplains and didn't file for the basement exemption. Jones noted that FEMA has not granted a floodplain exemption for basements in over 20 years. Jones observed that it might not be impossible for those cities to get a FEMA exemption, but it might be difficult.

Jones explained the provisions the BRRWD placed on the subdivision's permit. Kelly Richards, the developer, confirmed that the basements would be poured concrete structures that could be waterproofed, but floodproofing would cost an additional \$3,000-\$5,000 per house. Richards explained that if the "floodproof" requirement is enforced, he will not be able to move forward with the subdivision. He pointed out that the subdivision is not in the floodplain. Parke stated that when the soil borings were taken this spring down to 21', no ground water seeped into the holes. Jones said that natural ground in this area is at about elevation 923. The detention pond will be excavated to about 14' below that elevation. The group discussed floodproofing specifications and area elevations. Richards commented that in his opinion, the area doesn't have a flooding problem. After discussion, the Board agreed that since the area is not in the FEMA floodplain, they would strike the phrase "any basements would need to be floodproofed" from the conditions on the subdivision's BRRWD permit. **Motion** by Anderson to amend the conditions placed on Permit No. 17-008 at the 03/27/17 meeting by removing the requirement that any basements would need to be floodproofed, and retaining the requirement that the lowest opening had to be built at or above elevation 925. **Seconded** by Hanson. Manager Larson asked Anderson to revise his motion to include language that this change was made at the request of the developer, Kelly Richards, contrary to HEI's recommendations. Anderson agreed to add the language to his motion. **Approved.**

The group briefly discussed the possibility that Glyndon could apply for and receive a basement exemption from FEMA. Jones suggested that the City could contact the DNR to discuss the process. Van Amburg suggested that cities without the exemption could contact a Congressman for help to apply as a group. Albright suggested that the BRRWD should work with the City of Glyndon to identify their drainage problems and find solutions so that their community can continue to grow. Albright noted that the BRRWD and the City should meet with the DNR to discuss maintenance of the waterway that comes from the east through T.H. No. 10 to the Buffalo River.

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 and then apply for a new BRRWD permit. Last week, with the recent rainfall, the tile pump station started leaking due to gravity pressure and the office received calls from the downstream landowners with reports of erosion. The Board also held an informational meeting on 03/21/17 with the area landowners, neither of the landowners involved with the project installation attended that meeting.

Using the overhead monitors to display an area map, Jones discussed the preliminary results from the drainage study the Board authorized at their 03/27/17 meeting for 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. HEI conducted a culvert inventory on both sides of 220th ST. There is 25' of fall from Section 32 on the south side of 220th to Whiskey Creek. Jones is considering the installation of 60" dia. culvert equivalents with a series of rock drop structures to the Creek with an estimated ditch depth of 5'. The 36" dia. culvert on the north side of 220th ST through the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad track will need to be

resized. Jones gave a brief description of the area drainage patterns, noting that there is ridge in Section 28 where the drainage divides 60% north to Wolverton Creek and 40% south to Whiskey Creek. Albright noted that the neighboring landowners consider both potential outlets (Wolverton Creek and Whiskey Creek) for the Yaggie tile project to be inadequate. Jones expects to have the final survey report ready for the next meeting.

Joe Wulfekuhle discussed his objections to draining Yaggie's tile project to the south along his property. He feels that it is a "diversion" project to bring water that should naturally drain north back to the south into a completely different watershed area. Wulfekuhle pointed out that even if the BRRWD decides to create a new ditch system along 220th ST, he still doesn't agree with the south outlet of Yaggie's tile. Wulfekuhle suggested that the tile pump be moved back to the north as proposed, and that a pipe should be installed through the intersection to drain the water to Section 20, Mitchell Township, which also happens to be owned by the Abel family, who made the initial decision to move the tile pump to the south.

The group had an extended discussion about possible options for stopping the tile pump seepage to the south. Manager Anderson suggested that the BRRWD should consider adding a provision to our Rules, holding both the landowner and the tile installer responsible for following the BRRWD's permitting process. A suggestion was made that a ditch block could be installed just south of the tile pump before the water can enter Picotte's land. **Motion** by Larson to give Robert Yaggie and David Abel until the 05/08/17 Board meeting to provide a plan to address the tile pump location and seepage, or the Board will reserve the right to take further action to correct the unpermitted tile discharge to the south and west. The Board also authorized Albright to contact BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm, regarding our options. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.** Albright suggested that Managers should plan to conduct a field review of the area to familiarize themselves with the issues.

Project No. 02, Wilkin C.D. No. 13/Project No. 21, Wilkin C.D. No. 13-Lateral. Albright gave the Board a summary of the issues related to the proposed repairs for Wilkin County Ditch (C.D.) Nos. 13 and 13-Lateral. At their 04/10/17 meeting, the Board authorized an investigation for a limited channel cleanout the South Branch of the Buffalo River on Carolyn Swenson's property in Section 6, Manston Township, Wilkin County, 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. He pointed out that water from the South Branch of the Buffalo River is not assessed to enter the ditch system. At their 04/20/17 meeting, some members of the Mediation Project Team (PT) thought that this wasn't the right place to start a channel cleanout project.

Jones reported on his investigation findings. He discussed area drainage patterns and then reviewed two possible options to address the South Branch of the Buffalo River breakouts on the Swenson property: a limited channel cleanout in Section 6, Mitchell Township and Section 31, Atherton Township, until the grade "daylighted out" in Section 29, Atherton Township, or a larger project with a two-stage channel restoration. Estimated excavation costs for the limited channel cleanout would be approximately \$65,000, and for the larger project, including the downstream channel north of C.R. No. 30 would be approximately \$230,000. A project to clean the channel from upstream of T.H. No. 9 downstream to north of C.R. No. 30 would cost approximately \$450,000. There would be some minor impacts at the Clay County line if the project only encompassed Section 6, Mitchell Township, and Section 31, Atherton Township. Any type of project on the South Branch of the Buffalo River would require a DNR permit to work in protected waters, and we also might need to complete an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

Albright spent some time discussing all the different plans that have been proposed for the South Branch of the Buffalo River restoration since 2009. The group had an extended discussion about the various options for channel repairs. Wulfekuhle thought that most of the area landowners would be willing to sacrifice acreage for retention and/or setback levees for a project that would address the problems on the South Branch. Ross Aigner suggested that Jones use the historical gradeline as a baseline to determine impacts at the Clay County line, not the current elevation of the river, which is full of sediment. The group briefly discussed possible project funding sources.

Albright discussed a severe erosion site on the Yaggie property in the upper reaches of the South Branch of the Buffalo River watershed that happened during the 2009 spring flood that was the source of some of the sedimentation found in the South Branch. Dave Yaggie has requested that the BRRWD consider the partial abandonment of C.D. No. 40 to regain about 1-2 acres of landlocked cropland. Albright pointed out that C.D. No. 40 acts as an outlet system for the Lawndale Trout Stream project. Without the ditch, there is a greater possibility that water will break out of the trout stream and cause similar erosion problems in the same area on Yaggie's land. A ditch system petition and landowner hearing would be required before the ditch could be abandoned. Landowner Carolyn Swenson commented that she would not be in favor of having a temporary dike placed on her property, as discussed at the 04/10/17 meeting.

Albright noted that Jones could discuss project permitting with Julie Aadland, DNR, Fergus Falls, and the Board could also hold another informational meeting with the landowners to discuss all the options that have been proposed over the years regarding this area. While landowners are frustrated with what they feel is the lack of progress on the Watershed's behalf, Albright said much work/analysis/modeling has been completed. There are no easy answers.

Later in the meeting, Jones reported that the HEI survey crew is working on staking the R/W for the ditch repairs. Opsahl has calculated that the temporary R/W payment for additional 16.5' of buffers on the Lateral is \$4,250, and for the C.D. No. 13 is \$1,500. **Motion** by Anderson to authorize the R/W payments to the ditch system landowners. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

2016 Audit. Harold J. Rotunda, CPA, presented the draft BRRWD 2016 audit. Rotunda discussed the BRRWD's practice of funding deficits for some of the project/ditch accounts, but at the same time, being more aggressive in assessing delinquent accounts to keep them current. Rotunda discussed the BRRWD's management of our M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, taxing authority, which had a carryover balance last year. He observed that the Board is managing their grant funds and project assessment practices successfully. The group had an extended discussion about District budgeting and levy process. Once Albright has had time to review the audit, he will send the draft report to the Managers for their review before the next meeting.

Other Business brought before the Board included:

Permit No. 17-014, Rob Jordahl. Applicant proposes to install an approach with an 18" dia. corrugated metal pipe (CMP) to access his property near Ness Lake in the N½NE¼, Section 1, Parke Township, Clay County. Jones recommended permit approval, subject to Township approval to work within their road right-of-way (R/W).

Permit No. 17-015, Colten Tangen. Applicant proposes to install a driveway with an 18" dia. CMP to his property near the City of Hawley off from C.R. No. 12 in the SE¼, Section 22, Hawley Township, Clay County. Jones recommended permit approval, subject to County approval to work within their road R/W.

Motion by Fjestad to approve Permit Nos. 17-014 and 17-015, subject to the referenced disclaimers. **Seconded** by Anderson. **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.

Haugrud Drainage Complaint. Albright sent a letter to Jimmie Lindholm regarding the Board's 04/10/17 order that they clean the waterway through their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Section 22, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County, by 06/01/17 according to HEI's specifications. The Board's request came in response to Bryant Haugrud's complaint about blockages immediately downstream of the culverts through C.R. No. 19 on the Lindholm property that are causing drainage issues for their property in Section 23, Prairie View Township. The Haugruds have agreed to pay for the cleanout costs. To date, Albright has not received a response from the Lindholms.

Permit No. 16-126, Eugene Kaiser. The Board is still waiting for John Steffl to submit an after-the-fact permit application for the tiling project he installed a few years ago without a BRRWD permit that outlets via existing ditches to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) designated wetlands on Harlan Wentz's property in the SE¹/₄, Section 3, Callaway Township, Becker County. Albright mailed Steffl a permit application, and he hasn't returned the paperwork. Albright will follow up with Steffl. **Pending.**

Permit No. 17-013, Deal Brothers. Albright explained that he notified the Deal Brothers that they could proceed with their project to install tile in the NE¹/₄, Section 16, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County, using the same outlet as a previous tiling project constructed by the former landowner, David Abel. After investigation, Albright found that Abel didn't have a permit for his earlier tile project, but the outlet for the project is at the headwaters of Wilkin C.D. No. 22 to which the property is assessed. The Board felt that David Abel should be sent a letter explaining the BRRWD permit process.

Briks Drainage Complaint. The Briks Brothers contacted Albright regarding a drainage concern in the E¹/₂, Section 8, Nordick Township, Wilkin County. Landowner Bob Klein has CRP buffers along the natural waterways on his property in the SW¹/₄, Section 8, Nordick Township. The CRP has not been cleaned, and the trapped sediment is backing water on the upstream Briks property. Albright will follow up with the landowners.

Lein Lake Drainage Concern. Manager Fjestad discussed a drainage concern regarding the downstream areas of Lein Lake. A landowner made a channel to drain cropland to Oscar Lake. Fjestad is working with the Fergus Falls DNR office and the neighboring landowners to size a pipe for the excavated channel.

Drainage Complaint. Albright received a complaint from Mike and Darlene Zarling about an approach that Roger Brakke allegedly installed near Rustad in Section 28, Kurtz Township, Clay County. Wade Opsahl, Technician, HEI, investigated and found that the approach is not new and may not be causing all the water problems by the Zarling buildings. He recommended that the entire mile of ditch along the Brakke property east of the railroad tracks should be cleaned to improve area drainage. Manager Anderson confirmed that Brakke didn't install a new approach. Anderson will conduct a field review and report at the next meeting.

Kraig Nelson Drainage Complaint. Kraig Nelson contacted the office regarding work Todd Boit completed on land Nelson rents from Greg Ronning in the W¹/₂NE¹/₄, Section 13, Audubon Township, Becker County. Todd Boit recently purchased the farmstead in this tract from Ann Rautio on a contract-for-deed. He used a backhoe to crush the drain tile outlet southwest of his 10-acre parcel, and excavated and crushed the CMP in the farmstead driveway where the water outlets to a wetland area north of the farmstead. Nelson provided a recorded drainage easement that Ronning obtained from Rautio for the tile outlet through the property to the wetland. Albright noted that Boit might be planning to mine the black dirt in the wetland area. Albright left a telephone message for Boit last week, but Boit did not return his call. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Albright to notify Boit that he will need to provide a plan to restore the tiling/driveway culvert, or the BRRWD will turn the matter over to the Becker County Attorney to be prosecuted as a Rule violation. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

Larry Henry Contribution Request. Larry Henry is working with NRCS to design a grade stabilization aligned waterway in the W¹/₂NW¹/₄, Section 16, Hawley Township, Clay County, west of Maria Lake. He has requested that the BRRWD consider a contribution to his project. Albright noted that 75% of Henry's project has been funded by the Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the NRCS. Albright noted that the BRRWD has traditionally contributed 50% of the landowners' share for similar projects. The estimated project cost is \$30,854.34, and Henry has secured about \$24,000 for his project. **Motion** by Anderson to contribute 50% of the remaining costs (approx. \$3,500) for Larry Henry's project from the BRRWD's Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3, fund. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

T.H. No. 75 Borrow Pit. At the 4/20/17 PT meeting, Ross Aigner brought up a concern about a large borrow pit that Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) created along T.H. No. 75 upstream of Whiskey Creek near Kent, MN. There were concerns about potential impacts to the Creek from this area, which is nearly 40' deep and is now full of water from the recent rainfalls. Jones tried to contact MNDOT regarding this issue, but was not able to reach anyone. The downstream landowner was concerned about the water in the pit breaking out and cutting through his property to the Creek.

USFWS Easements. Larry Martin, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Director, Fergus Falls, requested that the BRRWD refer to the data layer showing USFWS easements when granting tiling permits to be sure we aren't granting permits to tile on their easements. The NRCS can't share this information with landowners when they file the NRCS's 1026 Form. Jones noted that HEI has access to the data layer.

Project No. 77, Clay C.D. No. 51-Lateral-Norby Lawsuit. Albright reported that mediation has been scheduled for May 8, 2017, at 8:00 AM in the Vogel Law Firm office in Fargo. We are still waiting for Judge Steven Cahill to make a ruling on the Summary Judgement proceeding.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation-Phase 4. Albright reported that we have processed the Fischer family payment allocations. One of the Fischers contacted Albright to discuss a possible buyout for the farmhouse located on their property within the project area. During the buyout phase for the Oakport project, the Fischers were not interested in selling this property. Albright suggested that the DNR grant is still in effect and if the BRRWD does want to buy the house, it would be wise to do it while we still have state project funding available. Albright will review our previous offer and contact the family member, who will work with his family regarding this issue.

Wilkin C.D. No. 7 Repairs. HEI submitted Pay Request No. 1 to States Border Construction for \$70,031.07 with 5% retainage. The total contract amount was \$162,563, and they have completed about 50% of the project construction. **Motion** by Hanson to approve the referenced pay request. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

MPDM Update. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is holding a public informational meeting/workshop regarding the updated Minnesota Public Drainage Manual (MPDM) on May 22, 2017, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Moorhead State Community and Technical College.

MAWD Summer Tour. The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) will hold their 2017 Summer Tour on June 21-23 in Bemidji. Attendees will tour the Leech Lake area. Managers Fjestad, Van Amburg, and Hanson plan to attend. The office will handle hotel reservations. This year, the Association will be voting on their By-Laws, and the MAWD Board is hoping to have a quorum of the member Watershed Districts to be able to hold the vote.

2017 Water Quality Monitoring. The International Water Institute (IWI) estimated their 2017 monitoring cost to be approximately \$15,800. Albright noted that this amount is comparable to last year's costs. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve the IWI's 2017 water quality monitoring contract. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

Project No. 65, County Line Outlet. Adrian Haugrud contacted Albright to report that water was encroaching on his barn from the project. It appears that the outlet pipe through the township road was frozen. Jones noted that HEI closed the east outlet to stop more water from entering Haugrud's farmstead. Albright suggested that we could allow the pipe to thaw out or hire a contractor to open it. In addition, Opsahl reported that the cover on the outlet structure needs to be replaced. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize hiring a contractor to open the ice block and repair the outlet structure cover. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

Office Lawn Maintenance. Hoppe Lawn Care Service submitted a 2017 fertilizer and weed control contract for spring and fall applications, which was the same as last year. The Board authorized Albright to sign the contract.

Becker C.D. No. 19. Albright noted that every year there are beaver dams on C.D. No. 19 on the Buffalo Lake outlet structure near Richwood. Our beaver trapper, Roger Lundberg, uses a gravel road near the where the dams are usually located to access the area. Lundberg contacted the office to report that the road needs a load of gravel. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the road repair as a ditch expense. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
Arlene G. Nelson	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 650.00
Audrey M. Anderson	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,349.21
Bonnie R. Packer	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 400.00
Bruce E. Albright	Scott Smith/NRCS retirement	Admin.	\$ 22.18
Carmen Pattengale	April office cleaning (2)	Admin.	\$ 130.00
Charlotte A.&Leonard A. Nelson	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,349.21
Cora D. Fischer	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,190.47
Danielle Scheffler	M-Files training pizza	Admin.	\$ 36.23
Elaine F. Gess	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,349.21
Eric H. Ramacher&Tanya Martin	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 200.00
Henry L. Baumgartner	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 500.00
J & J Braton Properties LLC	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 50.00
Joel Carlson, Inc.	May lobbyist billing	Admin.	\$ 850.00
John M. Thompson	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 154.00
Nichol Family Trust	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13	\$ 250.00
Peter J. Thompson	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 249.00
Peter L. & Maria DeMarreau	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 1,587.30
Pitney Bowes	#3101186267, 02/20-05/19/17	Admin.	\$ 112.22
Randy Johnk	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 400.00
Renee Simonet	Spoil Lease Settlement	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 3,174.60
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#347958, WQ analysis/testing	M.S.A. 103D. 905	\$ 790.00
Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13	\$ 1,000.00
States Border Construction	Pay Request No. 1	Wilkin C.D. No. 7	\$ 70,031.07
Subsurface, Inc.	#5256.1, televise pipe	Pj. 65, County Line Outlet	\$ 350.00
Terry D. & Sandra Czichotzki	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 1,100.00
Thomas & Susan Arnhalt	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 150.00
UEI	#63943, Phase 4 thru 03/31/17	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 6,204.25
UEI	#63944, levee certification	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 7,418.24
Vogel Law Firm	#194443, Greywind	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 6.77
Vogel Law Firm	#194922, General	Admin.	\$ 161.00
Vogel Law Firm	#194924, Kopperud Lawsuit	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 1,730.00
WA & AL Korbel Rev Trust	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 300.00
Waypoint Insurance Advisors	#1652, public officials liability	Insurance Fund	\$ 5,413.50
Whiskey Creek Farms	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 100.00
Whiskey Creek Supply LLP	Temporary R/W	Wilkin C.D. No. 13, Lat.	\$ 249.00
			\$ 129,007.46

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

Strategic Planning. Albright suggested that once planting season is over, the Board should consider working on our strategic planning effort to set goals and priorities for the coming year.

River Keepers. Manager Leitch distributed copies of the River Keepers Annual Report. He also provided notes from the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) 3/21/17 strategic planning session for the Board's review. Leitch is assisting the RRWMB with this effort.

Next Meeting. The Board will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

Adjournment. Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary