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MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING

May 8, 2017

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, Jay A. Leitch, Mark T. Anderson, and Peter V. Fjestad. Others attending included: Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator, and Erik S. Jones, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); Nathan Strand, Program Advisor, Xavier Kadrmas and Brandon Holte, Barnesville River Watch; and landowners David and Linda Umlauf.

Chair Van Amburg called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and announced that the proceedings were being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

Barnesville High School River Watch. The Barnesville River Watch Team, including Program Advisor Nathan Strand and two Team members, Xavier Kadrmas and Brandon Holte, presented their 2017-2018 water monitoring budget for the Board's consideration. Budget items include \$3,604 for labor expenses (Teacher and Student stipends/substitute teachers), \$1,401.32 for mileage, \$15 for supplies, and \$480 for meals, totaling \$5,500.32. Strand noted that Barnesville High School usually contributes about \$2,000 to the program expenses. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the 2017 River Watch budget, subject to the Barnesville High School's contribution. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.** The Board thanked the Team for their water quality work, noting that the River Watch program is very valuable educational experience.

Holte and Kadrmas, who are both Seniors this year, commented to the Board about how the River Watch Program benefited them personally. Strand noted that the Team members participate in educational experiences that they wouldn't typically have until college, including public speaking. This year, the Team's focus was more on watershed education than in previous years when they worked primarily on water quality data evaluation. They developed a lesson plan about the South Branch watershed and then taught the lesson to the Barnesville Elementary School 5th Graders. They created a poster documenting the lesson's objectives and evaluation and made a video of an actual learning session with a class of 5th Graders. They presented their poster and the video at the 2017 International Water Institute (IWI) River Watch Forum in Crookston on 3/15/17. The BRRWD uses the water quality data collected by the Barnesville River Watch Team for a variety of projects' development and monitoring.

Secretary's Report. The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 04/24/17 regular meeting. **Motion** by Leitch to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report. Albright presented 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 \$1,484,811.68. Administrative disbursements for the month are \$67,430.09 and for the year, \$184,349.68. Income since the 04/10/17 meeting is \$788.17, including bank account interest and HEI's monthly office rent reimbursement, and income to date totals \$349,852.65. Current accounts receivable for 2017 equals \$5,949,683.55.

Albright finished his review of the 2017 draft audit and forwarded some minor corrections to Harold J. Rotunda, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), who will make the revisions and return it for the Board's review before the next meeting. Albright sent a pay request last week to the Minnesota Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) for Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation, for \$202,060.77. He also sent a pay request for \$25,573.65 to Clay County for their share of the costs for the overlay of Wall ST NW in Oakport. Albright noted that the 1st half property tax proceeds should start to come in by the end of May. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.** Albright discussed his meetings with Wells Fargo Bank (Philadelphia) and the First International Bank in Moorhead. He doesn't anticipate any banking changes at this time.

Robert Yaggie Tiling Complaint. Landowners David and Linda Umlauf were in attendance regarding their concerns about the issue of Robert Yaggie's tile pump in Section 28, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County. They prefer the originally proposed northern outlet. Albright gave a brief history of the project, which has been thoroughly documented in earlier meeting minutes. The Board sent a letter to 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 apply for a new BRRWD permit. On 05/05/17, Albright met with the tile installer, Myron Tschakert from Tightline Drainage, Bruce and Bob Yaggie, Tom Arnhalt, and Tom Paulson to discuss options for the project outlet location. The preferred option is to move the outlet to the north with a pipe underneath the Krump driveway and to drain the water north, eventually to Wolverton Creek. The second option would be to move the pump to the southwest corner of the Yaggie property in Section 28 and drain the water west along the north County Road (C.R.) No. 26 ditch, then continue west along the north side of C.R. No. 26 in Section 29, and finally south to Whiskey Creek. Problems with the second option would be that water will still drain in the road ditch past the Umlauf property, and the eventual outlet is Whiskey Creek, which isn't in line for a restoration project for several years. The third option would be to move the tile pump outlet to the southeast corner of the Klein property, which would still drain the water west and south, but would avoid the Umlauf property. Albright pointed out that the Yaggie property is not assessed to any drainage system. When the BRRWD establishes a watershed management district (wmd) for the Wolverton Creek project and a future project for Whiskey Creek, this land will most likely have to pay a wmd project fee. Albright explained that these options were submitted by Yaggie for the Board's consideration. Yaggie plans to check with Albright to find out if the Board had a preference or a different suggestion for his tile outlet. When he has decided on a plan, Yaggie will file a permit application for his project, and as part of the permitting process, the Board will schedule a downstream landowner notification meeting.

Jones discussed the possibility of moving up the timeline of a phase of the Wolverton Creek Restoration project to include Sections 17 and 18, Mitchell Township, downstream of the Yaggie tile project to address possible downstream opposition to Yaggie's proposed north tile outlet. The total cost of this phase of the project would be approximately \$500,000, including land acquisition and construction. He identified several sources of funding that could be available to assist with this phase of a project. Albright noted that there could be downstream opposition to starting on the wrong end of the Wolverton Creek project and not at the project outlet. He suggested that the Board should send notification to the downstream landowners about the proposed north outlet for Yaggie's tile project and schedule an informational meeting. Before the BRRWD can start work on the Wolverton Creek project, there are still several steps that need to be completed. The Board agreed that for now, the northern tile outlet appeared to be the best option. Albright will advise Yaggie about the Board's preference when he contacts the office tomorrow. As stated earlier, Yaggie will be required to file a BRRWD permit application for his new tile outlet.

Other business brought before the Board included:

Permit No. 17-016, Joel Crabtree. Applicant proposes to install a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) designed water and sediment control basin with subsurface drainage and outlet in the NW¼, Section 30, Lake Park Township, Becker County. Jones recommended permit approval.

Permit No. 17-018, Cary Danielson/Kevin & Lynn Brenden. Applicants propose to install random tiling in Sections 7, 17, and 18, Trondhjem Township, Otter Tail County. The project will tie into existing tile on

the Brenden property. Manager Fjestad conducted a field review and recommended permit approval, subject to our standard tiling disclaimer.

Permit No. 17-019, Rick Reep. Applicant proposes to lower four 36" dia. culverts about 1' to improve area drainage: two approaches off C.R. No. 30 and two off County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 52. The proposed lowering will match the elevation of an existing culvert in the intersection of CSAH No. 52 and C.R. No. 30 in the southwest corner, Section 28, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. The Wilkin County Highway Department will lower the culverts as part of their CSAH No. 52 repair project from Rothsay to the Clay County line. The area water is assessed to drain to Wilkin C.D. No. 43.

Permit No. 17-020, Robert Braton. Applicant proposes to install an approach in the N½, Section 29, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County. The approach will have a 18" dia. culvert off CSAH No. 52. This work will convey area water in the road ditch to Deerhorn Creek.

Permit No. 17-021, Robert Braton. Applicant proposes to regrade the ditch north along the east side of CSAH No. 52 in the N½, Section 29, Prairie View Township, Wilkin County, and add an 18" dia. culvert to an existing dry approach. Just south of the new culvert, Braton also plans to remove the 18" dia. pipe in an existing approach on the property line to create a dry approach. Albright recommended approval of Permit Nos. 17-020 and 17-021, subject to County approval to work within their road right-of-way (R/W). Regrading the road ditch should prevent water from breaking out of the road ditch and flowing across the field.

Permit Nos. 17-017, Bruce Nelson. Applicant proposes a NRCS designed wetland restoration with a flow-over ditch plug and trickle tube for flood control and to enhance area wetland habitat development in the SE¼, Section 11, Lake Park Township, Becker County. This work is sponsored by the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Permit No. 17-022, Richard Steffl. Applicant proposes to install a NRCS designed water and sediment control structure with an embankment and to install a pipe with a hooded inlet to convey water down a slope to control gully erosion in the SE¼, Section 2, Callaway Township, Becker County. This work is sponsored by the Becker SWCD.

Permit No. 17-023, Roger Foltz. Applicant proposes to install a NRCS designed water and sediment control structure with water intakes and inlets, and an underground outlet in the SE¼, Section 5, Richwood Township, Becker County. This work is sponsored by the Becker SWCD.

Permit No. 17-024, Charles Okeson. Applicant proposes to install NRCS designed water and sediment control basins with embankments, surface intakes, and underground outlets in Section 4, Richwood Township, Becker County. This work is sponsored by the Becker SWCD.

Permit No. 17-025, Chad Okeson. Applicant proposes to install NRCS designed water and sediment control basins with embankments, surface intakes, and underground outlets in the W½, Section 4, Richwood Township, Becker County. This work is sponsored by the Becker SWCD.

Motion by Anderson to approve Permit Nos. 17-016 through 17-025, subject to the referenced disclaimers and Jones review. **Seconded** by Leitch. **Approved.**

Zarling Drainage Complaint. Mike and Darlene Zarling filed a complaint about an approach on the Roger Brakke property near Rustad in Section 28, Kurtz Township, Clay County. Wade Opsahl, Technician, HEI, investigated and found that the approach wasn't new and was not causing all the water problems by the Zarling buildings. At their 4/24/17 meeting, the Board authorized Jones to investigate/survey the drainage issue. He prepared plan and profile sheets for the east and west ditches of the railroad tracks/19th ST S. The

Brakke field entrance has a mostly plugged 12" dia. culvert, which Jones suggested should be enlarged to at least an 18" dia. pipe. To establish a gradeline, he suggested that the easier drainage route would be going north up to the culvert through a driveway and railroad tracks, then north on the west side of the tracks. Another option would be to go north along the east side of the tracks, which could be installed at a steeper gradeline because of the lower ditch outlet on the north end, but would require resetting several culverts along this alignment in various approaches.

Manager Anderson visited with Aaron Brakke, who indicated that they would be willing to remove their field approach to provide better drainage for the Zarlings, and then reinstall a new approach this fall in a different location. Anderson will provide the survey to Brakke and Zarling. If they decide to go forward with a ditch cleanout/culvert changes later this fall, they could submit a BRRWD permit application at that time.

Ed Haick Complaint. A few years ago, Dave Yaggie installed tiling and a lift station along Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, Manston Township, Wilkin County, without a permit. Currently, water from the lift station has created water problems on Haick's downstream property along T.H. No. 9. Jones will investigate the area drainage and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) drainage plan for T.H. No. 9 and then work with Yaggie to address Haick's concerns.

Lein Lake Drainage Concern. Manager Fjestad reported that Otter Tail County shut off the pumps lowering Lein Lake when the lake reached the desired elevation. Jones recommended a 24" dia. dual wall PVC pipe with a flared concrete end for the excavated channel to Lake Oscar. The concrete end section should prevent the plastic pipe from floating to the surface. Albright noted that the County should apply for a BRRWD permit for the work.

Ryan Sampson and Jim Wilson Drainage Complaints. Albright and Manager Fjestad met with Ryan Sampson last week to field review a drainage complaint about water from two upstream tiling projects that are flooding a tree claim on his family's deer hunting property in Section 33, Foxhome Township, Wilkin County, along the Otter Tail River. Albright explained that the tile systems drain into a plugged oxbow on the river, which rerouted the water into Sampson's property. Sampson was also concerned that the hardwood trees in the inundated area are dying because of the standing water.

Albright and Fjestad also conducted a field review of Jim Wilson's field crossing along the Otter Tail River in the same area as the Sampson complaint where the riverbank is eroding and is affecting his field access. Albright noted that Wilson could widen his crossing to address the erosion problem. Albright will do some further investigation and contact Wilson.

The Board discussed the permitting requirements and possible funding options to clean the oxbow on the Otter Tail River for Sampson. Jones noted that the ditch system in this area is Wilkin County Ditch (C.D.) No. 8A, which is under the jurisdiction of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, but is flowing west to the Otter Tail River. He observed that the oxbow/tile outlet could probably be cleaned under Minnesota Drainage Law to provide an adequate ditch system outlet. Fjestad will work with the landowners regarding this issue.

Haugrud Drainage Complaint. Albright sent a letter to Jimmie Lindholm regarding the Board's 04/10/17 order that he clean the waterway through his 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. The Lindholms are putting together a plan and a cost estimate for the work.

Bryan and David Henderson Waterway Concern. The Board discussed an issue from last year regarding Ron Conzemius' farming in the waterway in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 27, Manston Township, on the north side of

CSAH No. 26, which restricts the natural flow of water from the Henderson property on the south side of the road in the NW¼, Section 34. Terry Nielsen, an out-of-state landowner, and David Abel, his renter, were also contacted about cleaning the natural waterway in the NW¼, Section 27, to help drain area water west to the Manston Slough project. HEI conducted a drainage survey, and a landowner informational meeting was held on 1/22/16 to discuss HEI's survey information. Bruce Poppel, Environmental Officer, Wilkin County Environmental Services, and Steve Hofstad, Water Plan Coordinator, conducted a field review and determined that the natural waterway on the Nielsen property flows through wetland areas on their property. Poppel contacted Albright with the recommendation that HEI delineate the area wetlands. Albright will contact David Abel to notify him that the natural waterway should be cleaned, and he will need a permit to do this work. Prior to issuing a permit, HEI will conduct a wetland delineation and file a Local, State, Federal (LSF) notification form. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize HEI to conduct the wetland delineation and file the LSF form, subject to Abel's review to determine if he is interested in actually cleaning the waterway. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

Bob Westfall Culvert Concern. A few years ago, Wilkin County resized a culvert in C.R. No. 167 on the west side of Section 5, Akron Township. Bob Westfall, a downstream landowner expressed concerns about the culvert size. At the time, this area was not part of the BRRWD, so no permit was issued for the work. Westfall and other landowners wanted larger downstream culverts, and the BRRWD worked with them in 2010 for several months, but nothing was ever finalized. Recently, Westfall contacted Albright again regarding this issue. **Motion** by Fjestad to postpone further discussion on this issue until Manager Larson, who is familiar with this area, is in attendance. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.** Using the overhead monitors, the Board reviewed HEI's survey of the area culverts. Albright will do more research on this issue. A permit (13-083) was issued on 07/08/13 to enlarge the downstream culverts. Later that same year (11/12/13), the Board tabled action and decided to monitor the area. A Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) project in Section 5, Akron Township, appears to be doing its job of reducing downstream flows. Westfall told Albright there has been no recent downstream issues.

Inez Johnson Complaint. Inez Johnson was in the office twice last week regarding drainage from an 80-acre tract she recently sold to Gary Hoffman in the E½NE¼, Section 12, Elkton Township, Clay County. The Johnsons had a permit to install a drainage ditch on the property for their building site that was graded to flow north. Hoffman's renters have now blocked this ditch and have attempted to get the water to drain south and west. Albright noted that the new owners need to be sent a letter stating that they need to maintain the established drainage. Jerry Butenhoff, who is in the process of buying the Schlauderhoff property, visited the office to discuss a drainage concern regarding work Ken Johnson recently completed. Johnson told Butenhoff that he planned to clean the road ditch along the Schlauderhoff property, and he expected Butenhoff to pay for the work. Johnson dug out a spoilbank at the quarterline so that water could flow cross county to Hay Creek. Johnson may also have installed a new ditch west of the Johnson farmstead that will drain west to the Schlauderhoff/Butenhoff property. There also appears to be a new dike by the Johnson farmstead. Albright will follow up with Inez Johnson regarding these issues.

Project No. 77, Clay C.D. No. 51-Lateral-Norby Lawsuit. Albright reported he and Chair Van Amburg were in mediation today with Robert Norby and his attorney, Zenas Baer. After several offers were refused, the BRRWD's insurance company proposed a final offer of \$40,000 to settle the lawsuit, which would be available until 5:00 PM tomorrow. Norby didn't accept the offer, and the jury trial is scheduled for June 12-16, 2017. We are still waiting for Judge Steven Cahill to make a ruling on the Summary Judgement proceeding.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Jones noted that the spillways downstream of Arnhalt's property in the SW¼, Section 20, Manston Township, have not been installed. Ehlert Excavating, Inc., was hired to do this work, but haven't gotten to the site. The staking is finished.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation-Phase 4. Spring road restrictions are now off, so the contractor, R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., should be coming back to complete the cleanup list. Albright reported that we have processed the Fischer family payment allocations. Albright has not had time to contact the Fischers regarding the possible farmhouse buyout they requested the Board to consider. The office is getting numerous complaints about the seeding on Phase 4. Most feel that the area is just weeds. There is nothing new regarding the Kopperud/Larson lawsuit.

Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee. Albright reported that a meeting has been scheduled on Friday, May 19, 2017, at 1:00 PM in the Georgetown Community Center with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the City of Georgetown. FEMA is conducting an audit of the City's floodplain administration and their basement exemption issues. Jones will attend on behalf of the BRRWD.

Project No. 02, Wilkin C.D. No. 13/Project No. 21, Wilkin C.D. No. 13-Lateral. Albright reported that the R/W checks have been mailed to the landowners for their temporary easement payments. Landowner John Thompson refused to accept his temporary easement payment and advised Albright that the contractor should stay off his land, as he feels the ditch doesn't need cleaning. Albright will advise the construction supervisors that we don't have permission to enter the Thompson property. Albright plans to discuss this issue further with Thompson.

Mediation Project Team (PT). The next PT meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 20, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office.

Watershed District Enlargement/Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP). Pete Waller notified the Board about the timeline for the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) response to our request to waive the Plan Amendment requirement of the 4/25/12 BWSR Order if the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) effort is initiated in 2017. Waller explained that if the BRRWD's 1W1P proposal is selected to move forward at the 6/28/17 BWSR meeting, the BRRWD's waiver will not be acted on until the North Region Committee meeting on 9/13/17.

Fargo-Moorhead (FM) Diversion. The Board briefly discussed the land acquisition process.

M-Files Data Storage. Albright reported that so far, the M-Files launch is moving forward successfully.

Wilkin C.D. No. 7 Repairs. Jones reported the contractor, States Border Construction, has reached the midpoint in the ditch where they will start installing the rock drop structures.

Wilkin C.D. No. 15 Repairs. Once the Wilkin Highway Department finishes their CSAH No. 52 repairs, they plan to move on to C.D. No. 15 for the ditch retrofit. They forwarded their repair plan to Jones, who will make some revisions to coordinate the County plans with the historical gradelines. The BRRWD will hold a landowner informational meeting in Breckenridge on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:30 AM at the Environmental Planning office, to discuss the proposed repairs. Jones explained that the repairs will consist of a series of rock drop structures along a three mile stretch near C.D. No. 3, east of C.R. No. 16 in Section 1, Nilsen Township, and Sections 5 and 6, Andrea Township.

Wilkin C.D. No. 6A. A Viewers meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 9:00 AM. The Viewers are working on the redetermination of benefits for C.D. No. 6A, Becker C.D. No. 9, and Clay C.D. No. 16, plus they are looking at damage reports for two Wilkin County ditches where the BRRWD is acquiring buffers for ditch retrofits.

Elkton Wetland Restorations. Albright distributed photos of work done by the operator of the land adjacent to three of our wetland restoration sites where he has worked up part of the easement area, and turned around on the newly seeded native grasses, making deep ruts. He also removed trees on the property line and pushed

the trees and debris onto the easement area. The Board discussed their options. Albright noted that Vogel Law Firm is investigating the Board's options to have the damage repaired. Albright said the easement landowners had nothing to do with this. The work was done by their renter, who was well aware of the easements. This is a blatant violation that needs to be dealt with accordingly.

Otter Tail River Restoration. Albright noted that the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) hasn't contacted him yet about signatures they will need for their Section 1135 Project. Jones noted there is a meeting scheduled with the COE to discuss alternatives for the project on 5/18/17.

T.H. No. 75 Borrow Pit. Jones reported that he has been in contact with the contractor, Riley Brothers, Inc., regarding possible solutions to address the water standing in a large borrow pit that MNDOT created along T.H. No. 75 upstream of Whiskey Creek near Kent, MN. Jones suggested that the contractor install an outlet pipe to regulate flows out of the pit to allow for some storage capacity without the threat of breakouts across the adjacent cropland.

BRRWD Rules. Manager Leitch commented on the language in the General Policy Statement of the Rules document. He pointed out that the phrase "in a provident and orderly manner so as to improve the general welfare and public health for the benefit of its present and future residents", indicates that the Board is obligated to be fiscally accountable for using District funds in a responsible manner, and then questioned if that phrase also requires the Board to be more focused on water issues in the BRRWD rather than at the Canadian border. The group briefly discussed the status of the Rules revision. Albright will try to get all the edits incorporated into the revised document, plus the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) language, which must be incorporated into the final version.

Audubon Society 2017 Convention. The Audubon Society will be participating in the National Audubon Society 2017 Convention by giving a talk entitled, "The River is Wild: Tackling Riparian Restoration within City Limits", which is focused on urban conservation, specifically, their Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative Partnership. The Society invited the BRRWD to join them in Park City, Utah, on July 14-17, 2017 to discuss our participation and point of view regarding this project.

Federal Funding Opportunity. Levi Otis, Ellingson and Companies, contacted Albright regarding a possible federal funding opportunity for tiling, conservation drainage management, and flood reduction. Otis is planning a trip to Washington, DC, to meet with Congressman Kevin Kramer to discuss this issue, and he invited Albright to be a part of their team. The Board discussed Albright's participation. Albright thought he would continue a dialogue with Otis, and keep the Board apprised of the initiative. No date has been set at this time for the trip.

220th ST Ditch Investigation. Albright provided the Board with a copy of HEI's preliminary study for an alternative to provide improved drainage along 220th ST in Sections 31 and 32, Mitchell Township, Wilkin County, in conjunction with the Yaggie tile drainage issue in Section 28, Mitchell Township. Copies of the report have been provided to the landowners for their review and consideration.

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 the tour 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 present to be able to hold the vote. The Board briefly discussed the proposed dues structure/increase. Albright has a hard copy of the MAWD Power Point Presentation regarding this issue and will make it available to the Managers.

Eagle Eye Aerial Photography. A representative for a company offering drone services was in the office and left information for the Board's review. Currently, Otter Tail County hires them to fly their legal ditch systems on an annual basis.

Second Edition of A River Runs North: Managing an International River. Manager Leitch discussed the recently completed Second Addition of his 1993 book about the Red River of the North. Several copies of the update were distributed to those who requested it.

Red River Basin Commission (RRBC). The Board discussed the recent changes in the RRBC's executive management.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
AmeriPride	April billing, rugs	Admin.	\$ 64.14
Barnesville Phone Company	4/25/17 phone/internet	Admin.	\$ 290.70
Bruce E. Albright	OHF 04/26/17 lodging	Admin.	\$ 101.52
Bruce E. Albright	OHF 04/13/17 lodging	Admin.	\$ 175.72
Bruce E. Albright	MAWDSummerTourReservations(5)	Admin.	\$ 775.00
BWSR	MPDM Workshop (2)	Admin.	\$ 50.00
City of Barnesville	3/14/17-4/16/17 Utilities	Admin.	\$ 547.40
Clay Co. Auditor/Treasurer	2017 project assessments	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 2,463.58
Clay Co. Auditor/Treasurer	2017 property taxes	Clay Co. Buyouts	\$ 42.00
Clay Co. Auditor/Treasurer	2017 property taxes	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 466.00
Clay Co. Auditor/Treasurer	2017 property taxes	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 2,058.00
Dakota Fence	#163549-Reinstall barricade gate	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 1,420.00
Designs by Becky	Administrative Professionals (3)	Admin.	\$ 80.16
Fuchs Sanitation, Inc.	April garbage billing	Admin.	\$ 51.48
Gerald L. Van Amburg	#17-14, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 1,661.17
HEI	April billing	Varies-see attached	\$ 167,929.39
Jay A. Leitch	#17-13, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 986.88
John E. Hanson	#17-11, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 1,760.23
Kraig Nelson	#17002, approach/leveling	Becker C.D. No. 15	\$ 4,321.00
Liberty Business Systems, Inc.	#285056, Kathy's Printer	Admin.	\$ 531.40
Mark T. Anderson	#17-09, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 783.86
NetWork Center Communication	#0000045931, clock issues	Admin.	\$ 127.50
NetWork Center Communication	#0000046219, clock issues	Admin.	\$ 42.50
Peter V. Fjestad	#17-10, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 1,393.11
Pitney Bowes	#3101202803, 05/20/17-08/19/17	Admin.	\$ 112.22
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-04-17, water service	Admin.	\$ 56.12
Purchase Power	April Postage billing	Admin.	\$ 150.00
RMB Laboratories, Inc.	#348128, WQ Analysis	M.S.A. 103D.905, Sub. 3	\$ 948.00
RRVCPA	04/01/17-04/17/17 service	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 47.74
Subsurface, Inc.	#5264.1, Culvert	Pj. 65, Co Line Outlet	\$ 480.00
Troy E. Larson	#1712, 03/01/17-04/30/17	Varies	\$ 936.58
United States Treasury	1st QTR. Form 941 taxes	Admin.	\$ 814.73
Wilkin Co. Hwy Dept.	Rip Rap	Wilkin C.D. No. 6A	\$ 28,663.16
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#222-Spoil leveling	Wilkin C.D. No. 41	\$ 345.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating	#223, Beaver Dam Removals	Varies	\$ 4,725.00
WREC	03/18/17-04/18/17 service (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 114.74
Xcel Energy	03/27/17-04/25/17 service (1)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 16.81
Xcel Energy	03/27/17-04/25/17 office service	Admin.	\$ 74.35
Xcel Energy	03/28/17-04/26/17 billing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 54.86
			\$ 225,662.05

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

Next Meeting. The Board will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

Adjournment. Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary