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## MINUTES FOR MANAGERS' MEETING March 14, 2016

The Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), held their regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office. BRRWD Managers present were Gerald L. Van Amburg, John E. Hanson, Mark T. Anderson, Breanna L. Kobiela, Catherine L. Affield, Peter V. Fjestad, and Troy E. Larson. BRRWD Staff attending included: Erik S. Jones, Engineer, and Wade S. Opsahl, Technician, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI). Others attending included Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner; DeRae Williams, Mayor, Michael Redlinger, Manager, and Robert Zimmerman, Engineer, City of Moorhead; and landowners John David Lee, Jon Evert, and Lynn Brakke.

Chairman 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. BRRWD Administrator Bruce E. Albright was absent.

**Secretary's Report.** The Board reviewed draft minutes for the 02/22/16 regular meeting. Managers Van Amburg and Affield noted minor corrections. **Motion** by Anderson to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report.** The Board reviewed the BRRWD's financial report. Administrative disbursements totaled \$32,970.50 for the month and \$60,886.61 year to date. Cash on hand is \$687,843.07, and the total income for the year is \$633,927.17. Income this month to date totaled \$79,461.07, including reimbursements from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the final payment for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) administration (\$57,783.66), and from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the Upper Red River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project (\$2,392.50) and for Minnesota's share of the Red River Stressor Response Study (\$18,892). We also received interest income from the BRRWD's bank accounts and the office rental payment from HEI.

**Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Diversion Authority (DA).** Landowner Lynn Brakke had an interest in the BRRWD's participation in the DA's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He explained that he had heard there was a possibility that the BRRWD was considering not signing the JPA, and he questioned the Board reasoning. Anderson explained that the BRRWD recently received a copy of the JPA and our attorney, BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm, is reviewing it. There are some concerns about costs to the BRRWD for the dam and control structure maintenance liability. The Board will be meeting with Clay County and the City of Moorhead on March 22, 2016, at 3:00 PM in the Vogel Law Firm office in Fargo. Brakke felt that the BRRWD should be a participant in the DA and the JPA in order to represent landowners who otherwise wouldn't have a voice regarding the Diversion project. Later in the meeting, landowner John Evert expressed similar views regarding the need for the BRRWD to remain involved with the DA and the JPA.

Van Amburg noted that the City of Moorhead's attorney is the main author of the JPA, and he has solicited comments regarding the draft JPA. Albright has provided comments and questions on behalf of the BRRWD. A revised JPA should be available next week for further review. Van Amburg commented that it is important for the Minnesota entities to meet to discuss this controversial issue. Fjestad pointed out that the Otter Tail County Commissioners support the BRRWD's participation in the JPA and membership on

the DA so that we can represent the landowners in our District. Van Amburg noted that here should be another 6-entity meeting coming up to review the new project budget. Commissioner Mongeau questioned the meeting date. The Board will confirm the meeting date when Albright is available.

**Other Business brought before the Board included:**

**Permit No. 16-004, David Lee.** Applicant proposes to install 80 acres of pattern tiling in the NW¼, Section 34, Georgetown Township, Clay County, outletting via gravity flow to the Buffalo River. The outlet will cross land owned by Mark Harris. The Board tabled this application at the 2/08/16 meeting, pending receipt of the signed downstream landowner notification form. Lee has now obtained the signed form, so Jones recommended permit approval. **Motion** by Anderson to approve Permit No. 16-004, subject to our standard tiling disclaimer. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Permit No. 16-009, City of Moorhead.** Applicant proposes a mill and overlay of 40<sup>th</sup> AVE S from 8<sup>th</sup> ST S to River Oaks Circle with bituminous pavement patching, curb repair, catch basins that will tie into the existing storm sewer system, and multiuse trail improvements in the S½, Section 20, Moorhead Township, Clay County. Jones recommended permit approval.

**Permit No. 16-010, Jerred Jirava.** Applicant proposes to install pattern tiling in the NW¼ and the N½SW¼, Section 2, Riceville Township, Becker County, outletting a via lift station into Becker County Ditch (C.D.) No. 21 to which the property is assessed.

**Permit No. 16-011, City of Moorhead.** Applicant proposes to do storm sewer grading, paving, curb and gutter, traffic signals/bike paths, signing and striping on Village Green BLVD in the N½, Section 21, Moorhead Township, Clay County. Jones recommended permit approval.

**Permit No. 16-012, Chad Oberg.** Applicant proposes to install 295 acres of pattern tile in the W½, Section 24, Kragnes Township, Clay County, outletting via gravity flow north to Clay C.D. No. 49, to which the property is assessed. Jones recommends permit approval.

**Permit No. 16-013, Oberg Farms.** Applicant proposes to install 139 acres of pattern tile in the NW¼, Section 25, Kragnes Township, Clay County, outletting via gravity flow south to the Buffalo River. Jones recommended permit approval.

**Permit No. 16-014, Clay County Highway Department.** Applicant proposes five miles of road reconstruction on County Road (C.R.) No. 95 in Oakport Township. The work will include grading and aggregate surfacing, drainage improvements, etc. Earlier this year, Albright and Jones met with the County regarding the initial proposed road profile. The County agreed to leave the road height at the existing elevation to prevent potential flooding in nearby rural subdivisions to the west in Section 3, Oakport Township. Jones recommended permit approval.

**Permit No. 15-018, Gerald and Jared Nordick.** Applicant proposes to install one 4" tile line along a ridge in the NE¼, Section 22, Meadows Township, Wilkin County, to address seepage, outletting via gravity flow to a natural waterway, eventually to C.D. No. 23-Lateral No.1, to which it is assessed. The Board tabled this application on 06/22/15, pending more information regarding the tile plan from the applicant. Recently, Nordick provided the requested information to Opsahl, who prepared a map for the Board's review.

**Motion** by Anderson to approve Permit Nos. 16-009 to 16-014 and 15-018. Permit approval is subject to the applicable standard disclaimers, state/federal agency permitting requirements, and road authorities' permission to work within their road right-of-way (r-o-w). **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Duane Boeder Complaint.** Jones noted that Albright continues to work with the area landowners on options regarding Frank Schindler's removal of an approach on the Boeder family property in Section 33, Barnesville Township, Clay County.

**Bryan and David Henderson Waterway Concern.** The Board has authorized an additional survey in the NW¼, Section 27, Manston Township, Wilkin County, regarding waterway drainage concerns in Section 34, Manston Township. They also authorized HEI to conduct a preliminary investigation for a possible lateral extension in Sections 20 and 21, Manston Township. HEI plans to complete this work when conditions allow this spring.

**Clay/Wilkin County Line Drainage Concerns.** The BRRWD held a second landowner informational meeting on 02/19/16 to review HEI's preliminary engineering analysis to evaluate potential project options for a possible new drainage ditch installation on the south side of the county line that would carry water directly to the Red River to address drainage concerns on the county line along Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 75 between Wolverton and Holy Cross Townships. The Board will wait for the landowners to decide what their next steps will be concerning a potential project.

**Project No. 77, Clay C.D. No. 51-Lateral No. 3.** Jones reported that Albright has talked with BRRWD Attorney Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm, regarding the required interrogatory responses for the Norby lawsuit, which were submitted to the Court on Friday (03/11/16).

**Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration.** HEI will monitor the township roads where "soft spots" developed last fall. If the roads still need repairs this spring, Jones noted that we will ask the contractor, Gladen Construction, Inc., to come back to make repairs.

Jones reported that the seeding is completed, but the native grasses will need to be clipped one more time this year to allow the more desirable grasses time to get established. Van Amburg asked about any scheduled burnings to address the volunteer trees. Jones said that we plan to meet with the other Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners to discuss the project maintenance in the near future.

Albright attended the Isaak Walton League Conference last weekend in St. Paul to make a presentation about the Manston Slough project, and some of the other BRRWD projects under development.

**Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation.** Jones reported that the contractor, RJ Zavoral and Sons, Inc., has moved equipment along the east side of North Broadway so that they can get started on Phase 4 construction as soon as conditions permit. To date, there has been no response from the Fischer family regarding a counter offer to our easement settlement offer for the stockpile of material on their property.

There have been complaints regarding logging activity on the Carl Pierce property on the west side of the Oakport Coulee. The individuals were accessing the Pierce property by trespassing on project property off from Clay C.R. No. 93. The County Sheriff investigated the complaints and contacted the person responsible.

**Project No. 39, Georgetown Levee.** Wade Opsahl, Technician, HEI, is working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to determine what the final payment will be for the City of Georgetown. He thought it would be this summer before FEMA makes a final determination on what costs they will cover for the 2011 spring flood. Opsahl said there will be a few final cleanup items this spring on the project. The seeding has been completed, except for the ball diamond.

**Project No. 38, Ring Dikes.** Jones reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working on designs for the Doug Butenhoff and Robert Nord ringdikes. This work is eligible to be partially funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), depending on the dike

design. HEI has completed the survey work for the Kyle Schiefert project, and they have started on Mark Johnson's survey. These two ringdike projects are eligible for a 50/50 cost share from the 2015 Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB)/Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) funding, totaling \$400,000 for the Red River Valley.

**Project No. 34, Clay C.D. No. 41.** Jones and Albright met with American Crystal Sugar Company (ACSC) on 03/08/16 to discuss alternatives to repair a slide on the ditch system in their factory yard. One alternative is to replace the existing culverts with two 13' x 12' culverts to create a 100-year crossing (\$400,000). The current crossing has been built up by repairs since 2000 so that it is actually at the same elevation as the proposed new crossing. Jones noted that this elevation will actually affect the upstream floodplain slightly. ASCS has some funding budgeted (about \$100,000) for this crossing repair and would be willing to contribute to a single line of 14' x 7' pipe, placed at a lower elevation to provide protection for the 10 to 15-year event. The estimated cost for this alternative would be approximately \$240,000, including \$106,667 to repair approximately 150' of the slope on the east side of the channel. Jones noted that seepage from the lagoons could be contributing to the channel slumping, and the repair work would need to be expedited during dry conditions. The new box culvert would be approximately \$120,000-\$130,000. Other options include adding a thickened driving surface to minimize the amount of fill over the culvert and armoring the downstream embankment with standard riprap or Flexamat (precast concrete riprap).

**City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) Award.** Dr. Robert Zimmerman, Moorhead City Engineer, gave a presentation on the City's Flood Mitigation Improvements. He noted that six of the top ten flood events on the Red River in Moorhead have occurred between 1997 and 2011. The record flood of 2009 required emergency protection including: nine miles of sandbag levee, nine miles of clay levee, 61 emergency auxiliary pumps, and numerous sanitary and storm sewer plugs. Direct surface and storm sewer flooding put 3,800 properties at risk, required 2,000 households to evacuate, and damaged 300 properties. The City began planning for flood mitigation immediately after the 2009 flood. Their goals were to: reduce emergency flood protection measures and flood risk up to elevation 42.5' (river stage), reduce emergency response time, keep the community in business during a major flood event, send a positive message to businesses and homeowners and avoid the continued financial burden and risk to the City and State. They used an incremental and adaptive approach to reach these goals through strong State and local support. Funding for these projects, which has totaled \$105.2 million, came largely from the State of Minnesota through their Flood Damage Reduction Grant Program. Additional funding came from Federal funds and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT). Over half of the project costs were for the acquisition of flood prone properties, with the remaining costs covering infrastructure improvements. The mitigation projects included: the acquisition of 247 properties, all of which were voluntary; 67 property easements; 12.1 miles of levees and floodwalls; three removable floodwall closures; nineteen stormwater pump stations; 78 stormwater gates; and five sanitary pump station upgrades. Most of the mitigation projects have received FEMA Accreditation. These improvements have significantly reduced the emergency measures needed during a future flood event. At a 42.5' flood crest, the temporary levees required has been reduced from 9 miles to just over 2 miles compared to the 2009 conditions. Similarly, the number of sandbags needed has been reduced from over 4 million to about 400,000, and the preparation time required has been reduced from 10 days to less than 4.

Mayor Del Rae Williams, City of Moorhead, presented the Board with a plaque recognizing their contributions to the City of Moorhead Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Improvements for which the City received the 2016 Project of the Year award from the CEAM. She thanked the BRRWD for their work and cooperation over the years. City Manager Michael Redlinger also thanked the BRRWD for their work with the City of Moorhead and their work throughout the region. Manager Anderson thanked the City for the outstanding work that they have done on flood protection over the years, and Chairman Van Amburg, who is a Moorhead resident, was also appreciative of the work the City has done.

**Project No. 30, Clay/Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1 (J.D. 1).** Manager Anderson visited with Bryan Kritzberger regarding the outlet petition and bond. Problems arose when the bond company required financial statements from all the petition signers, not just the landowner acquiring the bond. The petitioners will investigate another source for their \$10,000 bond that is required to file the petition for a diversion to take water out of J.D. No. 1 to flow west along the south side of the County line to Wolverton Creek.

**Mediation PT.** The next PT meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Barnesville office at 1:30 PM.

**South Branch of the Buffalo River.** Jones reported that the HEI staff is working on the possible river channel restoration east of T.H. No. 9, and the retention capabilities in Sections 10 and 11, Manston Township. He expects to have more information about this alternative for the PT's review at their next meeting. Jones will contact landowner Ross Aigner regarding these alternatives to find out if he has talked to any area landowners.

**Stony Creek Comprehensive Project.** HEI continues to work with the DNR regarding their decision to classify the embankment as a high hazard dam.

**Revised Watershed Management Plan (RWMP)/Watershed District Enlargement (WDE).** Jones and Albright continue to work on the draft RWMP review. Albright is reviewing the Planning Region descriptions. As soon as the Draft Plan is finalized, the BRRWD will schedule the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings.

**Buffalo River/Upper Red River TMDL/Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS).** The Upper Red River TMDL should be out for public comment at the end of March or early April, and it should be completed by the deadline of 06/30/16.

Tim James, MPCA, is preparing a new contract with HEI so that Mark Deutschman, HEI, can prepare responses to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comments on the Buffalo River TMDL Study.

**Elkton Township Wetland Restoration.** Ziegler Construction's insurance company, Auto Owners Insurance, hired a crop consultant to review Anderson's damage claim. Changes to BWSR staff and their review process have delayed approval of the BWSR easement title opinions.

**FM Diversion.** Chairman Van Amburg noted the previously discussed 3/22/16 meeting with the BRRWD and the Minnesota entities. The Board does not expect to have a quorum for this meeting, as it is only being held for discussion purposes, and no Board action will be taken at that meeting.

Van Amburg also noted that the 6-Entity DA has scheduled an informational meeting/JPA review for Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 1:00 PM in the Fargo City Commission Room. Following the informational meeting there will be Finance Committee and DA Board meetings. Manager Kobiela will attend the meetings, as Van Amburg will be attending the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Legislative Reception in St. Paul.

**Wilkin C.D. No. 6A.** Opsahl noted that a beaver dam was removed on C.D. No. 6A in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 3, Akron Township, Wilkin County, at the request of Dennis Aksamit, and a bill for the work is on tonight's bill list.

**2015 Bufferstrip Legislation.** The Board briefly discussed the recent changes to the Buffer Strip Legislation that exempted private ditches from the bufferstrip requirements, and qualifying alternatives to

buffer strip installation. Van Amburg discussed possible new legislation regarding soil loss rules that will be handled at the County level.

**Clay C.D. Nos. 10, 32, and 33.** The Board met with the road authorities to discuss slope failures on C.D. Nos. 10, 32, and 33 on 02/23/16 and the estimated project costs, which could be significant. Jones explained that the group reviewed repair alternatives and discussed how the costs could be allocated between the County, Townships, and the BRRWD. The Townships planned to discuss this issue at their regular meetings, and then get back to the BRRWD. Jones noted that the group had discussed splitting the costs for C.D. No. 32 with the County paying 60% and the ditch system 40%.

**Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee.** Jones noted that we have submitted an application to BWSR for a Targeted Watershed Program grant (\$2.7 million). This year, BWSR has \$8.75 million available. If selected, applicants will be interviewed on March 29-April 5 by a review panel comprised of representatives from BWSR, the Department of Agriculture, MPCA, Department of Health, BWSR, etc., to be considered for funding at BWSR's May 25, 2016, meeting. The funding could be used primarily for the first phase construction north of C.R. No. 30. Easements costs could be funded by other sources, such as Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) or Agricultural Land Easements (ALE).

Jones also submitted a "pre-applications" for review and comment for funding from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), whose application deadline is March 21, 2016. Jones explained that the Board will need to approve a resolution authorizing HEI to submit the LCCMR grant application. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve a resolution authorizing submittal of the LCCMR grant application. **Seconded** by Kobiela. **Approved.**

**Otter Tail River Restoration.** The BRRWD held a landowner informational meeting on February 25, 2016, in Breckenridge. Landowners will be contacted to sign permission to survey forms. The COE notified Albright that they have received approval for concept work for a Section 1135 grant for the Otter Tail River.

**Minnesota CREP.** The Board discussed the new CREP implementation and reviewed a sample letter of support United States Department of Agriculture Secretary of Tom Vilsack. **Motion** by Anderson to authorized the staff to submit a CREP letter of support. **Seconded** by Fjestad. **Approved.**

**Nitrogen Smart.** Manager Fjestad attended a workshop hosted by Minnesota Department of Agriculture regarding the University of Minnesota training program for producers that presents fundamentals for maximizing economic return on nitrogen investments while minimizing nitrogen losses. The Board briefly discussed the meeting topics.

**2016 MAWD Legislative Reception and Breakfast.** The MAWD Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, March 30-31, 2016, in St. Paul. The Manager reservations and registrations have been confirmed. Van Amburg, Hanson, and Fjestad plan to attend.

**Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) Landowner Forums.** The BRRWD has scheduled a series of public Forums for area landowners to discuss a number of issues: the new RWMP, the new 2015 Buffer Strip Legislation, the BRRWD's long range plan regarding our flood damage reduction (fdr) goals, and to discuss ways to possibly finance fdr projects, including possible RRWMB membership. The Forums will all present the same information and will be held from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM with a free lunch following. Locations for the Forums are the Gerald and Jared Nordick farm near Rothsay on March 15, 2016, the BRRWD office in Barnesville on March 18, 2016, and at the American Legion in Lake Park on March 22, 2016. A public notice was published in the area newspapers. A meeting notice and flyer were mailed to agency personnel, local government officials, and landowners. Albright developed a meeting agenda and

questionnaire for use at the meeting, and a press release was also sent to the local newspapers regarding these events. Information has been posted on the BRRWD's Website.

**BRRWD Rules Update.** The Board has copies of the draft Rules for review and comment. They will discuss the revisions at an upcoming meeting.

**BRRWD Advisory Committee.** The Board tentatively scheduled their annual Advisory Committee meeting on April 1, 2016, at 1:30 PM in the BRRWD Office in Barnesville.

**Joint Annual Conference.** The RRWMB and the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (RRBFDRWG) Joint Annual Conference will be held on March 23-24, 2016, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead.

**Clay C.D. No. 41, Lateral No. 1 Repairs.** Jones submitted Change Order No. 2 and Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$45,684 to American Enterprises, Inc. **Motion** by Fjestad to approve the referenced change order and pay request. **Seconded** by Anderson. **Approved.**

**The following bills were presented for approval:**

<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American Enterprises, Inc.	Pay Request #4	Pj. 37, Clay 41-Lat. 1	\$ 45,684.00
AmeriPride	February billing rugs (2)	Admin.	\$ 53.44
Barnesville Phone Co.	02/25/16 billings	Admin.	\$ 290.75
Breanna L. Kobiela	Voucher #16-05, 01/01/16-02/29/16	Varies	\$ 351.71
Bruce E. Albright	Wilkin Eatery, Supper (4)	Otter Tail River Planning	\$ 50.35
Bruce E. Albright	JL Beers, dinner (2)	COE Diversion	\$ 27.11
Bruce E. Albright	Office Max, paper/labels-FDR Forums	Mediation PT	\$ 73.70
City of Barnesville	12/29/15-01/29/16 utilities	Admin.	\$ 741.59
Daily News/News Monitor	FDR Forums public notice (2)	Mediation PT	\$ 142.43
Dakota Mailing	#47838, postage meter supplies	Admin.	\$ 124.68
Everbank	Copier lease 12/22/15-03/22/16	Admin.	\$ 1,054.85
Fuchs Sanitation	01/01/16-02/29/16 garbage	Admin.	\$ 42.12
Gerald L. Van Amburg	Voucher #16-07, 01/01/16-02/29/16	Varies	\$ 778.26
HEI	February Billing Statement	Varies-see attached	\$ 232,946.16
Jason Rick Snow Removal	February (7)	Admin.	\$ 540.00
JBX LLC	#513, beaver dam removal	Wilkin C.D. 6A	\$ 750.00
John E. Hanson	Voucher #16-04, 01/01/16-02/29/16	Varies	\$ 1,092.76
Liberty Business Systems, Inc.	#2327728, Printer supplies	Admin.	\$ 106.88
Mark T. Anderson	Voucher #16-02, 01/01/16-02/29/16	Varies	\$ 992.87
MAWD	Legislative Breakfast/Reception (4)	Admin.	\$ 300.00
New Century Press	#300097557, public notice	Mediation PT	\$ 108.00
New Century Press	#300098826, Public Notice	Mediation PT	\$ 108.00
Peter V. Fjestad	Voucher #16-03, 01/01/16-02/29/16	Varies	\$ 971.41
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies, misc.	Admin.	\$ 150.00
Premium Waters, Inc.	#366590-02-16	Admin.	\$ 48.87
Purchase Power	03/01/16 Billing, Postage	Admin.	\$ 201.00
R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc.	Pay Request # 1	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 21,375.00
RRVCPA	02/01/16-03/01/16 billings (3)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 246.37
Vogel Law Firm	#170645, January billing	Admin.	\$ 161.00
Vogel Law Firm	#170646, January billing	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 46.00
Vogel Law Firm	#170647, January billing	COE Diversion	\$ 3,933.00
Vogel Law Firm	#170648, January billing	Pj. 77, Clay 51-Lat. 3	\$ 506.00
Vogel Law Firm	#171405, February billing	Pj. 39, Georgetown	\$ 1,514.00
Wm. Nichol Excavating	beaver dam removal (4)	Pj. Nos. 8, 20, 28, C.D. 17	\$ 3,262.50

Wm. Nichol Excavating	#191, log jam removals	Pj. 29, Log Jams	\$ 7,312.50
WREC	01/18/16-02/18/16 billings (2)	Pj. 46, Turtle Lake	\$ 62.53
Xcel Energy	01/26/16-02/25/16 office (gas)	Admin.	\$ 68.57
Xcel Energy	01/22/16-02/27/16 electrical (2)	Pj. 49, Oakport	\$ 69.21
			<b>\$ 326,287.62</b>

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

**Next Meeting.** The BRRWD will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM in our Barnesville office.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Van Amburg adjourned the meeting at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Hanson, Secretary