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## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday April 14, 2025

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

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

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

**Others Attending:** June Steffl; William Steffl; Chuck Anderson; Paul Krabbenhoft, Clay County Commission; Jon Braton, Wilkin County Commission.

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

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

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

**Bill Steffl. Upper Buffalo River Restoration.** Steffl noted Upper Buffalo River Restoration and improvements in Upper Buffalo River Watershed are detailed in BRRWD's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP). Steffl noted that approximately 250 sediment projects such as water and sediment control basins (WASCOB) have been installed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Becker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and landowners in the last 25 years. Steffl stated he asked Uhler how these practices were handled in the methodology to determine assessments in proposed water management district (wmd) and Uhler had said they are not included in calculations. Steffl stated he would like landowners that implement these practices to receive credit for implementation and receive reduced assessments. Steffl noted concern that landowners may not implement these practices in the future if they do not receive credit. Steffl noted landowners in the area are not against the project, but they are against the wmd.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Van Amburg to approve consent agenda items:

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Permit Nos.

25-008, Steven Wavra –WASCOB installation, SW ¼, Section 6, Parke Township, Becker County with conditions

25-009, Jeff Gillespie – tiling, SW ¼, Section 35, Hamden Township, Becker County with conditions

25-011, Gerald Zimmerman – tiling, SW ¼, Section 4, Moland Township, Clay County with conditions

25-012, Clay County Highway Department c/o Kris Carlson, Ulteig Engineers, Inc. – new ditch, road improvements, culvert installation, Section 21, Holy Cross Township, Clay County

25-013, Tad Schauer – WASCOB installation, Section 36, Eglon Township, Clay County with conditions

25-014, Peter Lewis – tiling, NE ¼, Section 30, Elkton Township, Clay County with conditions

25-015, Clay County Highway Department c/o Alex Soyring – bridge removal, NE ¼, Section 35, Elmwood Township, Clay County

**Seconded** by Stubstad. **Motion Carried.**

### **Permits for Discussion:**

**Permit No. 25-020. City of Moorhead, c/o Clay Lexen.** Applicant proposing redevelopment of Moorhead Center Mall including new streets and underground utilities. New stormwater discharges through existing outlet structures into Red River. Uhler recommended approval. **Motion** by Stubstad to approve Permit Nos. 25-020 as presented, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Projects:**

**Project No. 85 – Upper South Branch Buffalo River Restoration. Review and Consider Findings and Order. Motion** by Davis to approve Findings and Order to establish Project No. 85 Upper South Branch Buffalo River Restoration and the water management district (wmd) as presented, **Seconded** by Stubstad. Board of Managers noted that landowners in attendance at the Hearing appeared to be in support of project. **Motion Carried.**

**Ditches:**

**Wilkin County Ditch No. 22. Pay Estimate No. 2 and Change Order No. 1. Motion** by Stubstad to approve Change Order No. 1 for less \$1,600.00, **Seconded** by Van Amburg. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** by Stubstad to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for \$28,365.50 and to close contract with John Riley Construction, Inc, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Clay County Ditch No. 9. Report of Findings. Motion** by Larson to accept Report of Findings as presented, **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

**Clay County Ditch No 9. Set Time and Date for Hearing. Motion** by Davis to set Hearing in the matter of the Petition to impound, reroute, and divert Clay County Ditch 9 submitted by Clay County Highway Department for Monday May 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the BRRWD office, **Seconded** by Affield. **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. 36	Holy Cross	10	18" flapgate fell off. Cut off 1' cmp and remount flapgate.	\$500
Clay County Ditch No. 41	Moorhead	24, 25, 36	Brush/willows growing in channel. Three miles of brush mowing in channel	\$3,000 - \$4,000
Clay-Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 1	Wolverton/Alliance	1, 30, 31	Cattails and minor sediment in channel. Clean out 2 miles.	\$15,000 - \$18,000
Wilkin County Ditch No. 41	Atherton	15	Brush/willows growing along ditch. 3/4 mile of brush mowing along spoilbank.	\$500 - \$1,000
Pj. No. 80 - Stony Creek Restoration	Barnesville	3, 4, 11	Brush/willows growing along channel. 1.5 miles of brush mowing along channel.	\$1,000 - \$1,500

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

**Other:**

**Human Resources Contract. Review and Consider. Motion** by Affield to accept Human Resources Contract with HighRoad Partners as presented, **Seconded** by Stubstad. **Motion Carried.**

**International Water Institute (IWI). Water Quality Monitoring Agreement. Review and Consider. Motion** by Van Amburg to authorize Goeden to sign Water Quality Monitoring Agreement for 2025 as presented, **Seconded** by Affield. **Motion Carried.**

**Bills. Motion** by Larson to approve bills totaling \$577,767.49, **Seconded** by Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Affield reminded Board of Managers of Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 16, 2025. She noted Board of Managers should contact their appointees and invite them to attend.

**Next Regular Meeting.** Monday May 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Barnesville office.

President Fjestad adjourned meeting at 7:41 PM.

/s/ William Davis  
Secretary