

MEDIATION PROJECT TEAM MINUTES
December 7, 2006

A meeting of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) Mediation Project Team (PT) was held on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 1:30 PM at the Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) Science Center near Glyndon.

Attending were: Bruce E. Albright, Houston Engineering, Inc. (H.E.) and BRRWD Office Administrator; Curtis M. Nelson, John E. Hanson, E. Robert Olson, and Gerald L. VanAmburg, BRRWD Managers; Jack Frederick, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA); Dave Barsness, Fisheries Specialist, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Don Schultz, Area Wildlife Manager, DNR; Steve Hofstad, Clay County Water Planner and Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Administrator; Robert G. Merritt, Area Hydrologist, DNR; Erik S. Jones, Engineer, H.E.; Robert A. Zimmerman, Engineer, City of Moorhead; Pete Waller, Board Conservationist, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); Bob Honeman, Area Resource Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); and Don Buckhout, Red River Basin Coordinator, DNR.

Members absent were: Kevin Brennan, Fergus Falls Wetland Management District (WMD) and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); Brian Dwight, Board Conservationist, BWSR; Roger G. Ellefson, BRRWD Manager; Craig O. Evans, PM-D, United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE); Audubon Dakota; Leo Grabowski, Project Manager, COE; Brad Grant, District Administrator, Becker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Kevin Kassenborg, District Manager, Clay SWCD; Shawn May, Detroit Lakes WMD and USFWS; Michael T. Murphy, Refuge Manager, Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge (NWR); Richard Pemble, BRRWD Citizen Advisory Committee; Maynard Pick, Staff Assistant, Congressman Collin Peterson's Office; and Brian Winter, Program Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Albright called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. We won't have another meeting in December. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1/25/07. Once again, Albright reiterated the purposes of the Mediation PT. He felt in 2007, unless the BRRWD has new information to present regarding projects that the PT is working on, there's no need to meet on a monthly basis to rehash old information. All of our time is too valuable.

Business brought before the group included:

Meeting Minutes. Draft minutes for the 10/26/06 PT meeting were distributed with today's agenda. **Motion** by Barsness to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Honeman. **Approved.**

Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries. Dennis Drewes, project contractor, has not returned to the site yet this fall to complete the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) repairs regarding "east tributary". The DNR issued an amended permit to reslope the channel and install grade stabilization structures upstream of the impoundment site in Section 14, Barnesville Township. A contractor did complete drainage repairs for Scott and Betty Anderson in Section 14, Barnesville

Township. Their land is located north of the impoundment site and the east-west levee blocked their natural drainage into the project area. The township road ditch was cleaned so the water would eventually drain straight west into "west tributary". As distributed at a previous meeting, Wade Opsahl has done a monitoring/project evaluation of the project. Photos were distributed showing the before, during and after construction references at several project locations.

At the recent Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) annual meeting held in Alexandria, the BRRWD was the recipient of the "2006 Project of the Year Award" from MAWD for Project No. 54, Whisky Creek Tributaries. Letter of support for the project were written by landowner Chuck Anderson and the Clay SWCD.

Waller said the Clay SWCD has been working with landowner Arvid Thompson regarding the possible installation of Conservation Practice (CP) 34 and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Thompson currently has 25 acres of existing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land in Section 14, Barnesville Township, under easement with the BRRWD for the impoundment site. Since the existing CRP contract cannot be cancelled, the entire tract could be enrolled in CREP if Thompson would add some additional acreage to the existing CRP. Waller felt it would be good if Thompson would get the land in CREP, as this would provide for permanent protection. Eventually, the land will come out of CRP and could be farmed again. Waller asked Jones for a map showing the hydrology for the impoundment area and the various pool levels for a 10, 25, 50, and 100-year storm event. He felt this information might be beneficial for the landowners to review their options regarding CREP. The Clay SWCD is also working with Tim Thompson and Max Peppel, who also own land under easement in the impoundment area to discuss CREP. CREP is due to expire at the end of the current farm bill, which is 9/30/07.

Spring Prairie Township Erosion. Albright said for some time now, this project has basically been in limbo. Earlier this year, Aggregate Industries was considering a gravel pit in Section 29, Keene Township, Clay County. A neighboring landowner, Roger Wang, expressed concerns about a crossing that was to be added to a waterway that flows through this area. To date, Albright has not heard from Aggregate Industries on that issue. The watershed for this project was targeted for marketing CREP. Right now, the Clay SWCD is working on CREP for the Buffalo River from Georgetown upstream to the confluence with the South Branch of the Buffalo River. Frederick said that this stretch of the Buffalo River will be labeled as impaired waters due to turbidity. We are already aware of the erosion problems that are occurring in the upstream watershed for Clay County Ditch No. 39. That stretch of the DNR protected watercourse, located in Sections 1, 2, and 3, Spring Prairie Township, has suffered severe erosion over the past 10 to 15 years. All of that sediment ends up in Ditch No. 39, where it has to be removed from the ditch system as a ditch system expense. Repeatedly, the BRRWD has had to hire a contractor to remove sand and sediment from the upper ends of Ditch No. 39. Frederick felt it would be beneficial if we could get a map of the upstream area to Ditch No. 39 to see how many CRP acres are located in this area. These records are held by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and they may not release that information. One of the next steps for the targeted marketing of CREP will be to identify all areas that could be enrolled in CREP. These would include frequently flooded soils, bufferstrips along waterways, wetland restorations, etc. Frederick felt we should also look at channel morphology in this area, and additional restoration work may be required.

Project No. 56, Manston Slough Restoration. Albright noted that all soil borings have been completed. The BRRWD has contacted the Wilkin County Auditor's office for a benefit map of Wilkin County Ditch No. 6A. This ditch system is located south of the proposed project, and much of the water on the south end of the proposed project will need to be routed to that drainage system, as

dikes will be installed along the south project boundary. It appears that all of the land in this area is already assessed benefits to Ditch No. 6A. A meeting with the local, county, and state road authorities has been scheduled for 12/21/06 at 10:00 AM in the Barnesville office. Rick St. Germain, Project Engineer, H.E., would like to meet with the road authorities to discuss the proposed project and any concerns they may have so those issues can be incorporated into the design. Jones noted that all of the plan and profile drawings have been completed now for the dam alignment, emergency spillway, dikes, etc. The top of the dam elevation has been set at 977.0. At the upcoming 1/25/07 PT meeting, St. Germain is going to present the Engineer's Report. The Board of Managers, BRRWD, has decided that this project probably won't be constructed in 2007. The next step after the Engineer's Report is filed will be to contact and work with the individual landowners regarding their easement options. Once all of the easement options are obtained on a voluntary basis, the next step will be to hold the project hearing. After the hearing and the Board Order to construct the project, then there will be a 30-day appeal period regarding that decision. Appraisers will also need to complete the determination of benefits and damages. The Board did secure \$1.5 million in funding through the 2006 bonding bill. That money is currently being held by the DNR. With an earlier estimated cost of about \$3.1 million, the BRRWD will also need to find a way to come up with the additional financing to construct the project. Some thoughts are to use either funding the BRRWD currently has in their Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) construction account, or through the use of taxation per M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3. It is hoped that half of the local assessment (\$750,000) could be raised by assessment to benefited properties.

Buckhout questioned if the BRRWD has signed contracts with the DNR regarding the \$1.5 million. Albright said, to date, we have not. Funding through the Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) grant typically covers project expenses on a 50/50 basis. Some mediation projects have been funded at the rate of 75/25. The BRRWD could work with Senator Langseth and others to see if the funding could be increased to that rate for this project. The Roseau River Watershed District is working on a Hay Creek Restoration project, and they are seeking 75/25 funding. The Appraisers will look at assessment of benefits for improved water quality, groundwater recharge, and wetland restorations. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) also talks about the need to do best management practices (BMPs) in the upstream 26 square miles (sq. mi.) watershed that drains into the project site. This area has been discussed with the Wilkin SWCD, and we were hoping that they will target CREP marketing in this area.

Jones said that based on the estimated quantities, it appears that this project could easily be constructed in one construction season. The BRRWD may also want to have another meeting with Ducks Unlimited (DU) to see if they would like to partner with some of the project aspects. VanAmburg suggested that we could possibly invite a DU representative to attend the 1/25/07 meeting, so that they could be informed regarding the project status. The group felt this was a good idea.

Buckhout questioned where we were at regarding the necessary permits and environmental reviews that will be needed for this project. Kevin Brennan, Fergus Falls, WMD and USFWS, has done the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the federal lands. An EAW still needs to be completed for the entire project. The DNR will also have an EAW process. Buckhout questioned if we were going to use the proposed COE concurrence points to develop this project. At this time, Leo Grabowski, COE Permitting, has said that we probably can get a general permit for the project. The federal EAW would be attached to the COE application. Jones said that he has talked with Grabowski regarding this issue. Grabowski felt we wouldn't need to follow the concurrence point process. The project should not require an individual Section 404 permit, and as noted, Grabowski felt that the project could be permitted under their nation-wide general permits via a letter of permission. Any

wetland impact should be offset by the number of wetlands that will be restored when the project is developed. Buckhout felt we should get this process confirmed in writing with the COE as soon as possible. Buckhout will be meeting with the COE later next week to discuss their concurrence points process. He can discuss with them if this project should follow that procedure. The USFWS has completed an archeological review of their properties, but the DNR still needs to have the review done on their properties. Albright felt we should use the DNR archeologist to do the work on the remaining sites that will be disturbed by construction located on private lands. It has been discussed that the BRRWD would be the regulatory governmental unit (RGU) for the EAW preparation. Albright questioned if borrow sites for the project can be located on Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) or Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) lands. Honeman felt that wouldn't be a problem, as long as we follow the correct process. They may start seeding some of the WRP/WREP in the spring of 2007. The landowners are actually responsible for the establishment of grass on WRP/WREP lands. Right now, there appears to be a shortage of native grass seed.

The group questioned if we've had any further negotiations with Donald Holubok. Holubok owns land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, Manston Township, which is basically in the middle of the project. To date, Holubok has not been interested in working with the BRRWD regarding an easement to construct the project. Holubok has indicated a willingness to sell his property and move to another area. However, the BRRWD and Holubok cannot agree on a price. The BRRWD withdrew their April 2006 offer to Holubok this fall. Buckhout questioned if Holubok might be interested in trading his land for another piece of property that the BRRWD could acquire. Albright said that Holubok is more interested in moving out of the area to a new location.

Albright felt that most of the discussions at the upcoming 1/25/07 PT will revolve around Manston Slough. St. Germain and Mark Aanenson, H.E., will be present to discuss the Engineer's Report.

Project No. 58, Riverton Township Retention. The BRRWD has finally received comments regarding the draft Engineer's Report, dated 5/08/06, from Brian Winter, Project Director, TNC. He questioned if the BRRWD should secure "no-development" easements from landowners in the vicinity of the impoundment. Albright felt this would primarily pertain to those lands in Section 28, or the W $\frac{1}{2}$, where we already have one farmstead. No-development easements on the remainder of this tract would prohibit the building of future homes in this area, where Trunk Highway (T.H.) No. 9 acts as a dike. Winter would like to see the entire impoundment pool area seeded, which would total approximately 175 acres. He's estimating \$500/acre to plant native grasses. He's also questioning if the project could help fund some of the wetland restorations on the upstream Williams property. The tract is currently fenced, and the fence will need to be reinstalled upon project completion. TNC has also drafted some project goals regarding monitoring/evaluation.

Albright felt the next step will be to schedule a meeting with Winter to discuss his issues. The Board remains hopeful that this project can be constructed in 2007. The BRRWD did secure \$230,000 through the 2006 bonding bill for this project. A meeting will also have to be scheduled with Riverton Township Supervisors to discuss what they want to have done with their road between Sections 27 and 28 (150th ST S). Once the Engineer's Report is finalized, it will be sent out for advisory comments to the DNR and BWSR per Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M. S. A.) 103D.711, Subd. 5. The next step will be to get the Appraisers working on the benefits and damages. That would lead to the Final Hearing and a Board Order to construct the project. Following the Order, there is a 30-day appeal period.

Albright noted that Winter also wants to add a flowage easement from the inlet structure in the township road downstream to the impoundment pool. H.E. is working on revising the Exhibits. Merritt felt it was a good idea to acquire "no-build" easements in the downstream area of the impoundment site. We should probably also meet with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), since T.H. 9 is also downstream of the project. An ordinance could be adopted that says that there would be no building immediately downstream of the proposed impoundment site, or if buildings are constructed, the ordinance would set a height for the low opening of the structure, etc. Right now, this area is not mapped within the boundaries of Clay County's floodplain zone. The group felt this issue should be discussed with Tim Magnusson, Clay County Planning and Zoning. Albright referenced a problem that we experienced in 2006, where a landowner in Section 9, Kurtz Township, allowed a number of homes to be built just east (upstream) of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad tracks, which also act as a dike. The property experienced some flooding in the spring of 2006, when Clay County Ditch No. 32 did not open because it was full of snow and ice. That landowner has now installed dikes around his property and we'll see if that project works for him in the future.

Buckhout felt it would be good if we could get something approved through Clay County Planning and Zoning so that at least realtors are aware of the upstream retention site when or if they start marketing property in this area.

Project No. 49, Oakport Flood Mitigation Project. Albright said the BRRWD recently completed their sixth home acquisition in conjunction with the "voluntary" buyout process. By the end of the year, the BRRWD will have closed on approximately eleven properties. Another five or six will be closed on before 4/30/07. There are still four to five landowners and homes in the "targeted" area that are not willing to negotiate with the BRRWD. A Steering Committee meeting was held on 11/16/06. A Buyout Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for 12/21/06. The BRRWD will hire a property manager to look after the houses. The houses will be drained, but the heat will be left on low. The BRRWD hopes to have a sale of the properties some time in February 2007. If a particular house or building doesn't sell, the next step might be to advertise to see if someone is interested in buying the demolition rights. After that, what's left would need to be let out on bids so that a contractor could demolish the house/building and haul it to the land fill. The basements will be filled in. All sewer and water lines will need to be properly closed. Ulteig Engineers, Inc. (UEI) is currently working on the dike alignment. Once the alignment is set, the BRRWD can appoint appraisers to begin assessment of benefits and damages. Buckhout questioned since the area includes some undeveloped property, how will the Appraisers handle this land in terms of assessments. Albright said that is always a difficult thing to do, because if you talk to that particular landowner, he will tell you that he'll never develop the property. As soon as the benefits are adopted, we'll see a "For Sale" sign on the property and he'll start putting in lots. Zimmerman noted that in terms of future development of the area, the City of Moorhead has an agreement with Oakport Township that there can only be a certain number of hook-ups to the sewer and water facilities in any given year. This will set some limitations as to how many homes can be developed in that area. The area is somewhat unique as homeowners are allowed to have all terrain vehicles, horses, etc. The area will be annexed into the City of Moorhead in the year 2015.

Merritt questioned if Leo Grabowski, COE, was aware of the project. They may also have some issues regarding permitting. Albright said the group hopes to have a Technical Committee meeting early in January 2007, to meet with the DNR to discuss the dike alignment in relationship to the Oakport Coulee. Others in attendance will be Steve Hofstad, representing the WCA, and possibly Leo Grabowski, COE.

Project No. 60, Swede Grove Lake Outlet. The BRRWD held an informational meeting in Hawley on 7/13/06. To date, the BRRWD office has not prepared meeting minutes. When the minutes are completed, the BRRWD will meet with the Clay County Board of Commissioners, to discuss this project. Initially, the County petitioned the BRRWD to develop an outlet for the Lake to protect their adjoining road. Now, the project has taken on several new aspects, such as lowering the lake 6'-8', fish barriers, wetland restorations, habitat restoration, etc. This has all added to the project costs. We need to find out from the petitioner if they want to move ahead with the project.

Buffalo River Levees. This area will be targeted for CREP marketing. Honeman said that CREP could be used for those cropland areas inside of the levees if they are ever built. The BRRWD is investigating the installation of a new field drainage ditch, on the south side of the Buffalo River north of T.H. 10, which outlets directly into the Buffalo River. It appears that the ditch outlet is above the DNR's Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation. The BRRWD is concerned that because the ditching cut the natural river bank, during a flood, water will back out of the ditch and flow overland causing problems for others. The BRRWD will contact the renter, who actually did the work, regarding the possible violation.

Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee Restoration. The Clay and Wilkin SWCDs have secured a Clean Water Legacy (CWL) grant in the amount of \$289,000 to work on this project. The grant application included requested funding for cropland activities, including field windbreaks, the installation of inlet control structures, such as bio-rolls and/or rock logs as sediment traps. The primary focus of the grant at this time will be to work in that area downstream of T.H. 75 to the outlet. Jeff Haverland, Joint Powers Organization (JPO), through BWSR's Non-Point Engineering Assistance (NPEA), will conduct the outlet survey using Geographic Information System (GIS). BWSR will assist. It is hoped that the survey can be completed before Christmas, as long as we have good working conditions. Once the survey is completed, a meeting will be held with Luther Aadland, DNR, to discuss possible outlet control structures. A meeting of a number of agencies will be held tomorrow morning in Barnesville. We will also need to get permission from the landowners to conduct the survey.

Landowners have told us that there's a large sediment block in the Red River of the North where the coulee outlets. Someone questioned if there would ever be a need to remove that sediment block by dredging. Frederick felt that this would require a DNR permit. Albright said MPCA is also considering Surface Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) modeling on the Upper Red Watershed, which includes Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee. Barsness said that any grade control structures that are installed on the outlet will need to incorporate fish passage. Frederick said the area will be added to the 319 impaired waters list in 2008. Albright felt once the survey is completed, we'll hold another sub-committee PT meeting with area landowners to inform them of the grant and progress.

Lawndale Trout Stream Restoration. A Request for Proposals (RFP) went out last month regarding engineering services to do the channel restoration design across the Atherton Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The group was not sure if the DNR has hired someone in that regard. H.E. did not bid on the work, as the DNR felt there could be a conflict of interest, since they represent the BRRWD regarding Wilkin County Ditch No. 40.

South Branch of the Buffalo River. Albright said there was nothing new to report regarding this potential project. There's been a long recognized need to do something in this area. Hopefully, through the Comprehensive Planning process, several projects will come forth in this area that could actually restore the South Branch of the Buffalo River, which was diverted back in the early 1900s

with the construction of Judicial Ditch No. 3. A one-mile cleanout of the outlet of Ditch No. 44 was completed this fall. The landowners are very happy with the work. Some landowners have expressed the need to extend the work further downstream. The BRRWD is looking into setting up an assessment area to help finance that project.

Pete/Grove Lakes Highwater Investigation. Terry Lejcher, Area Hydrologist, DNR, has indicated that he has OHW elevations for most of the area lakes. Jones is in the process of collecting that data. An informational meeting was held on 10/30/06 with the project landowners. Most of them expressed an interest in continuing to explore an outlet for Grove Lake. Barsness said that several of the lakes in this area were used as walleye rearing ponds. Right now, the group is only interested in establishing an outlet for Grove Lake that would take the Lake down several feet. The outlet for the project would be Whisky Creek. Barsness didn't feel that an outlet for Grove Lake would need to address fish passage concerns, since the lake is basically landlocked at the present time. Also, there are two dams further downstream in the City of Barnesville that prohibit fish migration during low flows on Whisky Creek. H.E. is working with the landowners for permission to survey. Once all permissions are obtained, they will conduct the field review.

Kragnes Ringdike. The BRRWD held a landowner informational meeting on 10/19/06. Landowners were interested in proceeding with two of the three proposed projects. This would include diking for the "White House" on the east side of T.H. 75, and for the Village of Kragnes on the west side of T.H. 75. Albright is preparing the meeting minutes. Ed Fick, FDR Coordinator, is aware of the project and the BRRWD is requesting 50% state funding. The total estimated project cost is \$114,658. Fick sounds confident that he'll be able to find funding in 2007 to construct the project.

Clean Water Grants. The BRRWD submitted an application to do water quality monitoring on Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee. We're still waiting for the results. We also have a pending 319 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant application to do additional water quality monitoring within the BRRWD. If accepted, the modeling will apply the NRCS annualize Agricultural Non-Source Point Model (annAGNPS) to the entire Buffalo River watershed. The model will be used to develop sediment water quality goals and practical measures to achieve these goals. A computer model will aid in establishing sediment goals, guide focused implementation actions on the landscape, and quantify benefits. We've already discussed the CWL grant that the Clay and Wilkin SWCDs secured for work on Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee.

Comprehensive Planning. H.E. is assembling a revised schedule for targeting a date for the Kickoff Meeting. Albright hoped that the meeting will be held sometime in February 2007. We still need to identify several members for the Citizens' and Technical Advisory Committees. Albright will contact Tom Groshens, DNR Fisheries, to see if he's willing to serve. Earlier, Barsness indicated that he didn't feel he would have time to work on another project. Jones said the hydrologic model for the BRRWD is almost completed. He noted that the modeling did not include the area that drains directly into the Red River of the North, or primarily Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee.

CREP II. Waller said there's more project interest in the southeast and southwest areas of the state. They are also having issues getting the project started. Some answers have been given regarding the use of CP34. They are waiting for a Washington decision in that regard. Albright said approximately one year ago, a meeting was held with the various SWCDs within the BRRWD to discuss CREP II. He questioned if another meeting might be beneficial. The group discussed the DNR shoreland ordinances, where it states that for agricultural land protection, there should be a 50' buffer on all DNR protected watercourses. Merritt felt the state will never enforce that rule. The group felt it would be

beneficial in terms of marketing CREP II if they did. There was some discussion about the successes that Grant County has had with their bufferstrip program. Merritt said that an individual county can always adopt the DNR's guidelines regarding the shoreland ordinance and implement the bufferstrip requirement on a county by county basis.

Activities Update. Albright distributed a copy of the 11/27/06 meeting press release. Due to the weather, permit and construction activities is starting to slow down. The BRRWD is currently making some repairs to the Long Lake siphon outlet. The valve on the end of the siphon system had to be removed and sent in for repairs.

Other Issues. Albright distributed information regarding the upcoming 24th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference, sponsored by the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC), to be held on January 23-25, 2007, at the Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, ND.

Buckhout said the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction WorkGroup (RRBFDRWG) will host a Legislative Briefing on 1/16/07 at the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Paul. The briefing is sponsored the RRWMB. It will begin at 5:30 PM. Local Senators and Representatives from the Red River Basin will be invited to attend. Ron Harnack, the current Executive Director for BWSR, will retire on 1/06/07. He has taken the position as the RRWMB Project Coordinator.

Buckhout said the Annual March Conference, sponsored by the RRBFDRWG and the RRWMB is tentatively scheduled for 3/29/07 in Crookston. VanAmburg noted that the International Water Institute (IWI) will have their annual conference on March 13-15, 2007, in Grand Forks. Buckhout said the COE is looking at sponsoring a workshop on 3/28/07 in Crookston in conjunction with the annual March conference to discuss their concurrence points process. The time and date for that particular meeting is tentative at this time.

Schultz would like to meet with the BRRWD to discuss possible drawdowns of the Stony and Hay Creek Detention projects north of Barnesville. Albright will work with Schultz directly on this issue.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the BRRWD's Mediation PT is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 1:30 PM at the MSUM Science Center. Discussion at that meeting will focus primarily on Manston Slough. Meetings will be held during the day in the winter months. At the next meeting, the group can look at scheduling meetings for the next several months (February, March, April).

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the group, Albright adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by

Bruce E. Albright, BRRWD Administrator