

don't have a prioritized list of projects. Van Amburg thought that if the projects were competitive, it would be wise to apply for the grants. Anderson questioned if the BRRWD was the appropriate entity to sponsor the J.D. No. 2 application. Albright noted that we could include the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners on the application as sponsors because the Ditch Committee had encouraged the BRRWD to search for funding for the outlet repair.

Jones recommended that the BRRWD and Otter Tail County submit a CWF BWSR Competitive Grant application for the J.D. No. 2 outlet repair, and the BRRWD apply for CWF Grant funds for best management practices (bmp) implementation for the Whiskey Creek Enhancement project. **Motion** by Fjestad to authorize Jones to submit the funding applications as referenced. **Seconded** by Larson. **Approved.**

Comments/Announcements:

The Board had a brief discussion regarding Red River water turbidity and storm runoff.

Manager Van Amburg discussed a letter from Trana Rogne, Wilkin/Richland Upstream Coalition, which appeared in the 7/12/18 Opinion Section of *The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead*. The article was critical of the FM Diversion Authority's (DA) new proposal to build an additional levee on the Wilkin/Clay County line, crossing Wolverton Creek south of Comstock. Van Amburg was concerned that the article exaggerated the impact the DA's Plan B on our Wolverton Creek project. DA technical representatives attended the 7/9/18 BRRWD meeting to clarify the impact of the proposed Wolverton Creek crossing on our project. Because Rogne referred to the BRRWD in his letter, Van Amburg prepared a response on behalf of the Board. The Board discussed Rogne's letter and Van Amburg's response. **They decided that Van Amburg could submit his letter as a private individual, but they preferred that the letter not appear to come from the BRRWD.**

Van Amburg gave a brief report on the West Otter Tail SWCD Recognition Ceremony of the First Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Recorded Wetland Easement that took place on 7/12/18 in Dalton, MN. He had the opportunity to visit with Mark Johnson, who is a member of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), who mentioned that the LSOHC is planning a meeting in our area in the near future. Van Amburg offered to assist them in locating a meeting venue. He thought it would be a good idea to provide the Council with a chance to see some of the BRRWD projects they have funded.

Manager Affield noted that she has been contacted by landowners regarding the weed infestation along T.H. No. 9 adjacent to the Manston Slough project. She wondered if there was anything the BRRWD can do. Jones thought we could contact the agencies regarding the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) agreement and discuss this concern. Affield commented that the Board should revisit the idea of having a retreat this summer. President Leitch suggested that Affield could send out a Doodle Poll to the Managers to schedule a retreat.

President Leitch noted that the North Dakota Water Education Foundation is holding their 2018 Fargo-Moorhead Flood and Water Management Tour on 8/1/18 in Fargo. The cost is \$20. Leitch also noted that the Clay County Board of Commissioners is meeting tomorrow (7/24/18). At 8:35 AM, there will be the discussion to fill the BRRWD Manager position, which expires on 8/31/18.

2017 Annual Report. Staff will have to incorporate President Leitch's corrections/edits to the draft report, handed out at the 7/9/18 meeting.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Accounts Payable	Description	Account	Amount
Bridge Communications, LLC	#7716, Annual phone contract	Admin.	\$ 550.00
Bruce E. Albright	Lauren Peterson Memorial Flowers	Admin.	\$ 100.94