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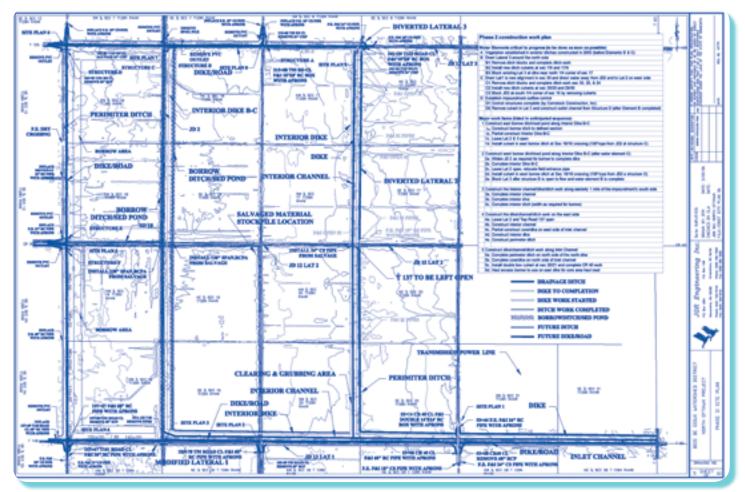
By Jon Roeschlein, Administrator

he North Ottawa Project is progressing slowly but surely. The first contract with Riley Brothers is complete. This contract included construction of a portion of the perimeter ditches on the north, west, and south sides. Prairie Restorations was hired to seed the area and completed that as well, before the ice storm in the latter part of November brought a halt to all work. A portion of the seeding was mulched but the contractor was unable to finish mulching due to the weather. Vegetation is beginning to establish on the newly excavated channels and when they are well vegetated, water will be re-routed to keep the impoundment construction area as dry as possible.

Comstock Construction has completed pouring concrete for the 6 outlet structures. Work left on the structures includes laying the inlet and outlet pipes and installing the steel hardware to the structures.

In April 2006, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District awarded a contract for Phase II construction to Midwest Contracting, LLC from Marshall, Minnesota in the amount of \$2.3M. Work includes excavation of sediment basins, the main inlet channel, interior channels, and the balance of the perimeter channels. Excavated material will be used to construct $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of exterior dikes and 5 miles of interior dike that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) had originally planned to construct. Also included are several culvert installations in and around the impoundment. Constuction work began on May 15th. Recognizing that they were working in the lowest part of the landscape, they decided to staff up and work around the clock as long as the conditions were favorable. This proved to be a very good decision and much work was accomplished in a short period of time.

On May 23, 2006, there were several thunderstorms that moved through the area dropping 3.57 inches on the construction site and up to 4 inches in the watershed upstream. This brought construction to an abrupt stop. The area where work had started was flooded and remains extremely wet at this time. They are considering restarting in a dryer area of the site.



North Ottawa Site Plan - Phase II Construction

ROSEAU RIVER WD

The Roseau River WD reported on the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area (RRWMA) project. The Board of Managers have scheduled a project team meeting for May 22nd to continue the discussion of a proposed alternative outlet on the west end of the RRWMA Pool 3. The project team met on May 1st and discussed the drafted purpose and needs statement for the project. Alternative analysis has also been discussed previously and will be discussed again at the meeting scheduled for May 22nd.

TWO RIVERS WD

The Two Rivers WD reported on the status of the culvert inventory. Plans are to cover three townships during the months of May and June. Each culvert within this designated area will be located with global positioning systems, inventoried, and entered into an ArcView geographic information system. Data collected on each culvert includes its size, length, direction of flow, next culvert downstream, flow line elevation vs. natural ground elevation vs. road overtopping elevation, and other pertinent information. The data collected is proving invaluable in analyzing water flow patterns and analyzing drainage areas. Approximately 2/3 of the district has been inventoried over the past 7 years.

RED LAKE WD

• The Red Lake WD reported that at their regularly scheduled board meeting on April 27, 2006, the

Board of Managers approved the final engineers report for the Grand Marais Sub-Watershed Creek Project 60 project. The District started advertising for bids for the construction of both the Brandt and Euclid East Impoundment projects with bid openings to be held May 25 at 10:00 a.m. Construction is estimated to begin on Euclid East by the end of June and construction on the Brandt site early to mid August (permits pending).

WILD RICE WD

The Wild Rice WD reported on the repairs to Green Meadow Dam. The project will involve the repair of the existing erosion and seepage damage to the embankment. The construction on this project is scheduled to occur between July 1 and September 15, 2006.

Vernon Johnson is presented with a nine year service award for his devoted service given to the Red River Watershed Management Board by Naomi Erickson, Administrator.



RRWMB MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- At it's regularly scheduled May meeting, the RRWMB:
- Received a report from Naomi Erickson, Administrator.
- Received an update on activities of the Red River Basin Commission from Dan Wilkens-Chairman.
- Authorized a funding advance for the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD.
- Received a report from Sanborn Map Company of Colorado Springs, CO regarding the potential for a LIDAR (LIght Detection And Ranging) data collect for the Red River basin.
- Presented Vernon Johnson an award in recognition of his years of service to the board.

The next scheduled meeting of the RRWMB will be held at the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, Wheaton, on June 20th, starting at 9:30 a.m.

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