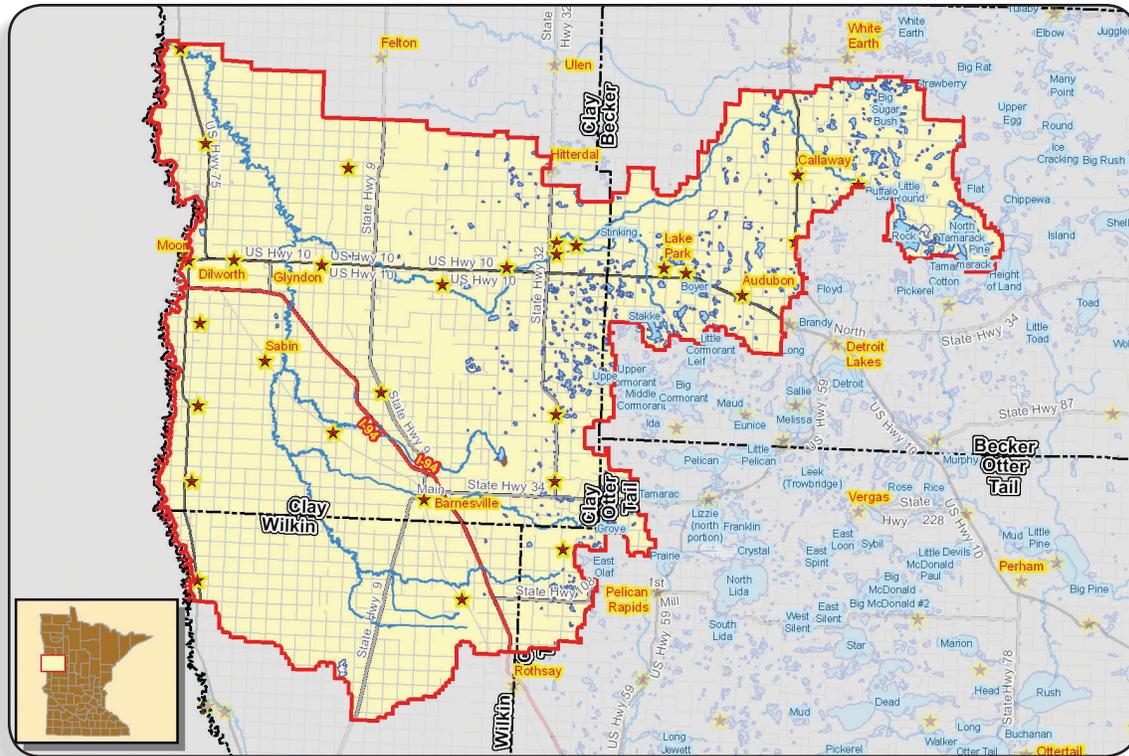


Buffalo-Red River

WATERSHED DISTRICT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: August 30, 1960
by citizen petition

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Included Counties: Clay, Becker, Wilkin,
Otter Tail

District Size: 1,379 square miles

Legal Drainage Systems: 65, totaling
373 miles

Number of Staff: 2

2008 Taxable Market Value:
\$3,996,236,562

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Roger G. Ellefson	Chairman	Wilkin	2458 120th St, Barnesville, MN 56514	(218) 493-4334
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RECENT PROJECTS

“Watershed District of the Year” — named by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 1991, 1997, and again in 2005.

2006 Moorhead Interstate-94 Flood Control Project — designed to alleviate flooding in Sections 24/25, Moorhead Township, located south of the city. The pProject diverts water away from the city into Clay County Ditch No. 41.

Clay County Ditch No. 68 Project — a 1.5 mile waterway improvement project for the city of Glyndon includes channel restoration, bufferstrips, and enlarging a number of structures. Completed in 2006.

Farmstead Ringdike Program — in conjunction with DNR Waters FDR grants, provides flood damage protection for approximately 20 properties.

“2002 Project of the Year” — named by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), a project made by emergency declaration to lower Turtle Lake to the Ordinary High Water Level (OHLW) by means of a siphon system. The lake reached its OHLW on 12/07/00. Subsequent wet conditions have made it necessary to continue summer siphon operation.

“2006 Project of the Year” — named by MAWD, Whisky Creek Tributaries, located north and west of Barnesville, includes a flood water impoundment, channel restorations, set-back levees, bufferstrips, diking, and wetland restorations. Completed in 2005.

Clay County Ditch No. 59 — petitioned for in 2000, this nine-mile improvement/extension project located in Kragnes, Flowing, and Morken Townships, addressed gradeline problems, changed several inadequate structures, and included one-rod grassed bufferstrips. Completed in 2004.

The Clay County Ditch No. 53 — located in Holy Cross and Alliance Townships, this project included improving the ditch system hydraulic capacity to handle a 10-year runoff event, center line structure replacements, and right-of-way acquisition with bufferstrips. Completed in 2004.

The Moorhead/Dilworth/Hawley EDA Projects — started after a 1993 summer flood, the development of five flood control projects were assisted by a \$2.7 million Economic Development Authority (EDA) grant. Total project costs were in excess of \$5 million.

The Deerhorn Levee Project — designed to reduce flood damages and to provide for a storage area between the



The Barnesville High School River Watch Team, sponsored by the BRRWD, received the Minnesota Rural Education Association’s highest award in 2008. State Education Commissioner Alice Seagren (front row, left) presented the award.

levees to impound floodwaters. The levees begin in Prairie View Township and follow both sides of Deerhorn Creek for approximately nine miles to the confluence with Buffalo River in Wilkin County. Completed in 2001.

The Georgetown Levee Project — requested in 1998, following the 1997 spring flood. The city of Georgetown petitioned for a flood control project to construct earthen flood control levees around the city. Completed in 2000.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Flood Control Project in Oakport Township — a permanent earthen levee system that will protect around 400 homes along Oakport Coulee and the Red River, north of Moorhead. The District is working on home buyouts within the proposed dike alignment and the engineer is preparing a final dike design.

Manston Slough Restoration Project — includes a low-hazard classification dam, 1,320 acres of wetland restoration, a water level control structure to manage wetland elevations, and an upland watershed treatment to control erosion and improve water quality. The Governor’s Clean Water Initiative Cabinet chose the project as a Red River Basin Pilot Project.

Wolverton Creek/Comstock Coulee — a DNR-protected watercourse with a drainage area of 105 square miles has chronic flooding/erosion problems. The District formed a special committee to continue work on this project. In the fall of 2006, the Clay and Wilkin SWCDs received a Clean Water Legacy grant to gather data regarding channel elevations, structures, and outlet repair.

Riverton Township Retention Project — located on the Nature Conservancy property upstream of the city of Glyndon and has a 6.3 square mile drainage area. It includes a low hazard classification dam, upland wetland restorations, and watershed treatment to control erosion and improve water quality.

2007 EXPENDITURES

2007 expenditures not provided - please contact the district for budget information.