

VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 831 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, January 28, 2010

APPROVED
MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT: David Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; Donald Scheel, Secretary; and Ray Lucksinger, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Lucas, CAC Member, and Dan Belka, City of Woodbury resident

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the January 14, 2010 meeting minutes, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Item #10 Tri Lakes Association Annual Meeting was added to the Managers Report.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in the Public Forum segment of the meeting.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Jill Lucas reported that she had attended the Afton Village Stakeholders meeting along with Secretary Scheel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Secretary Scheel had distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT No report was given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Denmark Township Appeal

Attorney Marshall had emailed the managers a copy of the Attorney General's Statement of the Case for the Denmark Township and the City of Cottage Grove Appeal. Attorney Marshall reviewed the Attorney General's summary with the managers.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2009, dated December 2009, and the Treasurer's Report dated January 28, 2010. After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Borash stated that the VBWD annual audit will begin on March 22, 2010 and completed by April 30, 2010. Engineer Hanson will mail out the final VBWD 2010 budget to the managers.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT No report was given.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

VBWD New Boundary Engineer Hanson enclosed in the Board packet maps of VBWD and the former Lower St. Croix WMO showing the community boundaries. Engineer Hanson reported that the new legal boundaries for VBWD had not been defined. BWSR would like VBWD to define the new boundary. Engineer Hanson is requesting assistance for parcel data from Washington County. Engineer Hanson provided the managers draft copies of the permitting meeting invitation and tax request to Washington County for Board review. Vice President Fetcher requested Engineer Hanson to compile a comparison summary of the watershed rules and cost for the east metro watershed districts. After discussion the managers would like to hold off on the invitation to the former Lower St. Croix WMO to discuss permitting until further notice. Mr. Belka reported to the managers his position on the boundary issue. Discussion followed.

MANAGERS' REPORT

BMP Special Incentive Grants President Bucheck prepared another draft of the BMP Special Incentive Program. Discussion followed. **Motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve the guidelines for Best Management Practices Grants as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank President Bucheck reported that he attended the Wildflower Shores Homeowners Association meeting to discuss VBWD partnership to help restore the wetland. The HOA voted to work with VBWD and Barr Engineering to define the new plan for the restoration. Attorney Marshall will draw up papers for an agreement.

Afton Village Stakeholders Meeting Secretary Scheel reported that he attended the Afton Village Stakeholders meeting. The meeting was well attended. The City of Afton is forming a sub-committee to meet once a month to discuss potential remedies to the flooding issues.

VBWD Calendar Vice President Fetcher reported that he had set up a VBWD calendar in Google. Vice President Fetcher asked Treasurer Borash to define dates to add to the calendar. Vice President Fetcher will send the staff and President Bucheck the email address to access the calendar.

Board of Water and Soil Resources Education and Outreach Workshop Vice President Fetcher reported that he attended the BWSR education and outreach workshop. The workshop defined a need for a communication strategy among watershed districts. Melissa Lewis and Angie Hong will investigate and report on resources to help develop a plan. There was strong interest by the EMWREP members.

Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management Meeting Vice President Fetcher reported that he attended the Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management meeting. The meeting attendees included members from the Department of Natural Resources, City of North St. Paul, Silver Lake Improvement Association and its chemical applicator, and Ramsey County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Silver Lake water quality and aquatic plant data. The DNR does not want a whole lake treatment of the aquatic plants done until native vegetation has had a chance for re-establishment. The DNR will continue to monitor the lake's aquatic plants throughout the year.

Washington County League of Local Governments Meeting President Bucheck, Vice President Fetcher, and Secretary Scheel attended the Washington County League of Local Governments meeting. Discussion followed.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Legislative Breakfast and Day at the Capitol Enclosed in the board packet was the registration for the MAWD Legislative Breakfast and Day at the Capitol. **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the payment for the registration of the Managers to attend the MAWD Legislative Breakfast and Day at the Capitol. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - February 11, 2010 All Managers plan to attend the next meeting.

Tri-Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting The Tri-Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting will be Monday February 1, 2010 at the Lake Elmo City Hall. VBWD will provide water quality maps and data for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Invasive Aquatic Species Prevention and 2009 Habitat Monitoring President Bucheck reviewed and summarized the reports for board discussion. The items will be discussed at the February 11, 2010 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 10:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Donald Scheel

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes approved by Managers on 2/11/2010