

VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 834 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, March 25, 2010

APPROVED
MINUTES

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Dale Borash, Treasurer

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the February 25, 2010 meeting minutes, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Under the Managers' Report: Item 7, St. Croix Basin Conference.

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

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE No report given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Secretary Scheel distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported that he reviewed twelve of the VBWD projects and found no erosion problems.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Minnesota Court of Appeals Hearing

Attorney Wolle presented to the managers an agreement for the Baytown Oakridge development for signature. Attorney Wolle will record the document at Washington County.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Borash was absent from the meeting. President Bucheck distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2010, dated February 2010, and the Treasurer's Report dated March 25, 2010. After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT No report given.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Permit Request: Eder's Century Pines After project review and discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve the Eder's Century Pines permit 2010-05 with the suggested site-specific and applicable standard conditions and to waive the permit and surety fees. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 Basin Water Quality Results and the 2010 Basin Monitoring Plan Engineer Hanson reviewed with the managers, the 2009 basin water quality results and recommendations. After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve the suggested 2009 basin water quality results to fulfill the initial monitoring recommendations with additional monitoring to be done according to budget availability. Motion carried unanimously. The managers instructed Barr to prepare a cost estimate for monitoring fees and a draft press release of the monitoring results for the managers to review at their next meeting.

Silver Lake After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to review the North. St. Paul surface water management plan to find the City's commitments for restoring the south shoreline of Silver Lake. Vice President Fetcher will contact Angie Hong to help organize a tour for citizens to visit BMP's done around Silver Lake that will help improve water quality of the lake. The Managers will consider contacting the North. St. Paul City engineer and community coordinator to have a meeting to discuss projects and management revisions to improve water quality of Silver Lake.

Afton Fees The City of Afton has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$1,026.81 to VBWD. The invoice covers excess fees associated with permit administration for the Valley Creek Upstream and Downstream projects, and the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin project. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to draft a response letter to the City asking them to reconsider the charge of additional permit fees.

Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank The wetland banking plan addendum for establishing a wetland bank at Wildflower Shores was reviewed and approved by the Technical Evaluation Panel and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve the March 2010 Wetland Banking Plan Addendum. Motion carried unanimously. The managers directed Barr to notify the agencies, prepare specifications, and to obtain bids to continue the vegetation establishment and management.

2009 Annual Report The managers reviewed the 2009 Annual report. After discussion, the managers directed the recording secretary and Engineer Hanson to make revisions to the report.

West Lakeland Surface Water Management Plan The managers reviewed the draft letter to the West Lakeland Township, and directed Engineer Hanson to send the letter as written.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Washington County Mediation President Bucheck reviewed with the managers the mediation sessions. Engineer Hanson provided an overview of the next mediation meeting scheduled on Monday, March 29, 2010 to discuss the draft Memorandum of Understanding. Attorney Marshall will be attending the meeting, and the managers directed Engineer Hanson to attend as well on behalf of VBWD.

2010 Goals and Budget After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to adopt the 2010 VBWD goals. Motion carried unanimously. President Bucheck will make adjustments to the 2010 budget.

Envirothon After discussion, **motion** was made by Scheel and seconded by Lucksinger to contribute \$150.00 to support the Area IV Metro Envirothon. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Hanson will inform Nancy Martinson and Treasurer Borash of the payment.

Final Payment Request: Allen Siedle Best Management Practices Cost Share Grant After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve payment of \$267.50 to Allen Siedle for his native planting project. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Hanson will inform Nancy Martinson and Treasurer Borash of the payment.

Protecting the St. Croix Basin Conference After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to authorize registration and approve payment for any VBWD manager wishing to attend the St. Croix Basin Conference. Motion carried unanimously. President Bucheck plans on attending the conference.

Next Meeting - April 8, 2010 All managers plan to attend. President Bucheck will be absent from the April 22, 2010 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel

Don Scheel, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers on 4/8/2010