

VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 837 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 27, 2010

APPROVED
MINUTES

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Don Scheel, Secretary

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

STAFF ABSENT: Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the May 13, 2010 meeting minutes, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Under the Engineers report: Item#2 City of Afton garlic mustard removal. Item#3 Sunfish Lake-algal toxin testing. Under the Managers report: Item#5 City of Oakdale SWMP. Item#6 VBWD Insurance. Item#7 VBWD CAC lake level monitoring compensation.

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE No report given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT No report given.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT No report given.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Blasko Dam Project Agreement

Attorney Wolle provided a copy of the Blasko agreement for signature by President Bucheck and acting Secretary Lucksinger. Attorney Wolle will record the easement agreement with the VBWD signatures.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2010, dated April 2010, and the Treasurer's Report dated May 27, 2010. After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT No report given.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Echo Lake Stormwater Ponds Engineer Hanson prepared a draft letter to the residents of the Echo Lake Addition stating the VBWD intentions to control seepage at the stormwater ponds. The managers reviewed and made changes to the letter. President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to send him a revised copy for review.

The City of Afton Garlic Mustard Removal Mayor Snyder from the City of Afton is requesting help from the VBWD with the removal of invasive garlic mustard within the City of Afton. After discussion, the managers decided that it is not appropriate for VBWD to get involved in invasive weed control. The managers did suggest the City contact the Washington Conservation District for guidance and possible assistance with removal of the garlic mustard. Engineer Hanson will follow up with Mayor Snyder.

Sunfish Lake-Algal Toxin Testing Engineer Hanson provided a memo from Barr Engineering regarding a high level of blue-green algae found in Sunfish Lake that could pose a health risk to animals and humans. After discussion, the managers decided to have Engineer Hanson notify the State of Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding these findings for immediate attention.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Washington Conservation District 2010 Agreement President Bucheck met with Jay Riggs with WCD and clarified the monitoring charges for 2010. After the managers reviewed the revised agreement, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the Washington Conservation District 2010 agreement. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Wolle had President Bucheck and acting Secretary Lucksinger sign the agreement. Attorney Wolle will send the agreement to WCD.

Consent Calendar After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 Financial Audit Included in the packet was the 2009 financial audit. Treasurer Borash reviewed with the managers the financial statements and the audit findings. After discussion, **motion** was made by Fletcher and seconded by Borash to accept the 2009 Financial Audit as prepared by HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to authorize Treasurer Borash to sign the representation letter and submit to HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - June 10, 2010 Vice President Fetcher will be absent. All other managers plan to attend.

Lake Oakdale SWMP and Permitting Mr. Ron Leaf, the consultant with Oakdale, has requested time in front of the Managers at the June 10 or June 25 meeting to discuss the MOU regarding the City's local plan and permitting. President Bucheck instructed Engineer Hanson to contact Mr. Leaf to invite him to attend a June meeting.

VBWD Insurance Coverage Treasurer Borash received notification from ICS Insurance that the business auto declaration policy has changed from two million to one million. ICS recommend that VBWD consider an umbrella policy to raise the coverage limits. After discussion, Treasurer Borash will be meeting with ICS to review the District's insurance coverage.

CAC Lake Level Monitoring Compensation Treasurer Borash opened a manager discussion regarding the CAC lake level monitoring compensation. To help relieve the administrative burden, the managers decided to have Chuck Taylor submit his lake level monitoring report electronically to Engineer Hanson for distribution. Treasurer Borash will notify Mr. Taylor of the changes in procedure.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 8:26 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ray Lucksinger

Ray Lucksinger, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers on 6/10/2010