

VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 840 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, July 8, 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; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Taylor and Jeff Berg, Citizens Advisory Committee Members

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the June 24, 2010 meeting minutes, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS None

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor provided the managers an update on lake level monitoring. Jeff Berg asked the managers if he could attend the St. Croix River Association workshop on July 21. After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the registration costs for the St. Croix River Association workshop for any manager and CAC member wishing to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT No report given.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on that there are no new projects. He is working with a homeowner in Afton on erosion issues on the property.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lake Elmo Elementary School

Attorney Wolle contacted the City of Lake Elmo attorney to discuss the combined easement and maintenance agreement. The Managers directed Attorney Wolle to continue to include a statement regarding the permit holder waiving the right to contest an assessment in the maintenance agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Borash reported that he received the first half tax settlements from both Ramsey and Washington County.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT No report given.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Valley Creek Protection President Bucheck and Acting Secretary Lucksinger signed the resolution that was approved at the June 24, 2010 meeting.

System Maintenance After review and discussion of the cost estimate from John Buelow on the Project 1007 maintenance, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the cost estimate from Buelow Excavating to complete all of the Project 1007 maintenance items and not to exceed \$4,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Permitting Memorandum of Understanding with Oakdale The Managers reviewed and made edits to the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Oakdale for permitting. They directed Engineer Hanson to make the revisions to the MOU and send to the City of Oakdale for signature.

Valley Creek Restoration Planning VBWD received a request from a private land owner to see if VBWD would be able to help fund any of the planning efforts for their restoration project along Valley Creek. The Managers directed Engineer Hanson to get more information in regards to the planning, scope, and cost estimate of the restoration project.

Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed Yield Meeting Engineer Hanson provided an update on the watershed yield meeting with BWSR.

Karen Schultz Memorial Engineer Hanson provided an update on the status on the memorial for Karen Schultz after communicating with the Cities of Maplewood and North. St. Paul. After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve a tree with a plaque memorial for Karen Schultz in Joy Park with a donation to the City of Maplewood not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

St. Croix River Association Grant Engineer Hanson provided the Managers a update on VBWD grant applications. VBWD was awarded a grant for \$26,683.00 for monitoring the discharges at Rest Area Pond and Kelles Coulee in 2011 and 2012. The VBWD grant request for assistance with implementing stormwater management features at the River Valley Riders site upstream ravine within the Valley Creek watershed was not funded.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Consent Calendar After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash, to approve the consent calendar. Manager Fetcher recuse from the vote, the motion carried.

Next Meeting - July 22, 2010 Manager Lucksinger might be absent. All other managers plan to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Echo Lake Stormwater Ponds Vice President Fetcher and Engineer Hanson will attend the Mahtomedi City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS None.

FUTURE ITEMS None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 8:27 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ray Lucksinger

Ray Lucksinger, Acting Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were approved by the Board of Managers:

1. Best Management Practices Cost-Share Grants
 - A. A \$1,300 individual grant to Mr. Trask for a raingarden and native planting in the Swede Hill watershed.
 - B. A \$1,200 individual grant to Ms. Swiden for a raingarden in Olson Lakes Estates Pond watershed.
 - C. A \$2,500 individual grant to Mr. Fetcher for raingardens in Silver Lake watershed.
 - D. A \$1,300 individual grant to Mr. Cho for a raingarden in the Clear Lake watershed.
2. Best Management Practices Cost-Share Grant Reimbursements
 - A. A partial payment of \$939.54 to Alicia Paulsen and Mike Anderson for a raingarde

Minutes approved by Managers on 7/22/10