

VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 986
Held in Baytown Township Community Center
Thursday, September 14, 2017

APPROVED
MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dave Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Ed Marchan, Treasurer; and Anthony Haider, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Tracey Galowitz, Attorney, Galowitz Olson; Jeff Brower, Inspector; and Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Attorney Torseth

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion, **motion** was made by Marchan and seconded by Lucas to approve the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Under the Engineer's Report-Item F4-Goose Lake Ravine

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE The managers reviewed the lake level report from Chuck Taylor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT Inspector Brower reported on the following projects: Afton Village, Hammes, Royal Golf Club, Burr Oaks, Southwind, Stillwater Area High School, Manning Avenue TH95, Olson Lake Trail, Arbor Glen, ISWEM, Easton Village, Jamaca/55th, Lions ball field, Lake Elmo Phase III, and Village Preserve.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT None

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sunnybrook Lake Project Update and Planning-Level Opinion of Costs President Bucheck, Secretary Lucas, and Engineer Hanson met with Mr. Reagan with the Indian Hills golf course to discuss using easements on the golf course for future storage and the pumping route of water to control flooding around Sunnybrook Lake. Barr Engineering provided an engineering opinion of probable cost for Sunnybrook flood protection and mitigation. The managers will be setting up a meeting with the Mayor of the City of Grant to discuss project costs. The managers discussed subwatershed financing and costs splits for the project. A decision will be made at future date for funding of the project.

Recommendation for Payment for Systems Maintenance After discussion, a **motion** was made by Marchan and seconded by Fetcher to approve payment to Buelow Excavating in the amount of \$4,158 for system maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelle's Creek Septic System Inspection Pilot Program-After-the-fact Cost Share Application and Payment Request After discussion, a **motion** was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider to approve payment of \$4,000 to Triple H Enterprises LLC for their property at 14064 40th Street south and to approve the application for Roy and Julia Welter at 15045 45th Street South for \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Goose Lake Ravine The managers had previously authorized Barr Engineering to solicit bids for maintenance work on Goose Lake ravine. The VBWD received three bids and Wetland Habitat Restorations, LLC was the lowest bidder. After discussion, a **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Haider to award the contract to Wetland Habitat Restorations for the Goose Lake ravine project and not to exceed \$14,950. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 VBWD Budget Hearing At 7:59, President Bucheck suspended the regular meeting and opened the 2018 VBWD budget hearing. Attorney Galowitz stated that the public hearing was properly published and noticed. No public was present and no comments were received on the 2018 budget. At 8:01, President Bucheck closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

MANAGERS' REPORT

2018 Budget Barr updated the 2018 budget with the VBWD 2015-2025 Watershed Management Plan goals for 2018. The managers reviewed and discussed the line items within the budget. After discussion, a **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucas to approve the VBWD 2018 preliminary levy certification of \$1,105,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar Item a-Krusemark project was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. After discussion, a **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Haider to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Item a-Krusemark cost share application for \$845.00. Treasurer Marchan disclosed that he knows the Krusemarks. A **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve the cost share application for the Krusemarks for up to \$845.00. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Treasurer Marchan abstained from the vote.

Website Vice President provided an update on the new VBWD website. Vice President Fetcher will be exploring options to possibly update the VBWD logo.

TREASURER'S REPORT None

FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meetings – September 28 and October 12, 2017 President Bucheck and Manager Haider will be absent at the September 28th meeting. All other managers plan to attend the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider at 9:39 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 9/28/2017

Consent calendar

Consent calendar items are generally defined as items of routine business that do not require discussion and can be approved in one vote. The Managers may elect to pull a consent calendar item(s) for discussion and/or separate action. The following items are presented for the Managers' approval:

Best Management Practices Cost-Share Projects

- a. \$845 for an individual grant for Krusemark for a project at 5833 Lake Elmo Avenue in Lake Elmo and the Goetschel Pond subwatershed.
- b. (Approved in a separate motion) \$3,230 for a buckthorn removal grant for Nathan Landucci for a project at 50th Street North in Lake Elmo and the Goetschel Pond subwatershed.
- c. \$1,150 for a buckthorn removal grant for Richard Schroeder for a project at 11347 30th Street North in Lake Elmo and the Legion Pond subwatershed.
- d. An extension to August 28, 2018 of a buckthorn removal grant to Nathan Landucci for his property in Afton.