Minutes of Regular Meeting # 646 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, July 12, 2001

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dale Borash, Vice President; Don Scheel, Secretary; Lincoln Fetcher, Treasurer; and Duane Johnson, Manager

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney, and Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Dahlke, Developer, Hilltop Business Park Project, Oakdale

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Vice President Borash at 7:09 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the June 28, 2001 meeting, motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Scheel, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Items added to the agenda: Under Managers - Silver Lake Update; Web Site Address; and Buelow property.

PUBLIC FORUM No discussion in Public Forum.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Secretary Scheel said the mail has been picked up and distributed.

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on inspections he has made since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Marshall said there was nothing new to report.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Fetcher distributed copies of the Income and Expenses for the period June 15, 2001 to July 12, 2001. After discussion, motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer=s report. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Hilltop Business Park, Oakdale & Pine Springs - Permit Request Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located directly south of the Oakdale MnDNR Gateway Trail parking lot, south of 55th Street and west of I-694 in the SE3 of Section 5 and SE3 of Section 6, T29N, R20W. The applicant is proposing to construct an office/warehouse building and associated parking lot. A large stormwater pond is proposed east of the proposed building and a small stormwater pond is proposed north of the proposed building. Wetland impacts are proposed on the north side of the site. Wetland mitigation sites and wetland banking sites are also proposed.
The site lies mostly within the LL-15 subwatershed of the District’s Plan and ultimately drains north and clockwise around the I-694/Highway 36 cloverleaf interchange to Long Lake. The project will generally maintain the existing drainage patterns on the site.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and erosion control concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit # 2001-08 with the engineer’s suggested conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Woodbury East AUAR - Update Engineer Hanson reported to the managers that he and Secretary Scheel had attended today’s meeting at 1:00 p.m. regarding the impact of adding 13 groundwater wells to the eastern portion of the City of Woodbury. The MnDNR and the Metropolitan Council were also represented at the meeting. The result after the discussion was that any concept so far, will impact trout streams, and the City will need to look at different alternatives.

Downs Lake - Update At the last meeting, the managers asked Engineer Hanson to develop a more detailed estimate of the costs of the Downs Lake project. Engineer Hanson distributed a list describing several items and costs, but did not include the cost for easements or the cost of raising roads. He said once the county provides the two-foot topographic maps, better estimates can be made. The topographic maps may be available soon.

Sunnybrook Lake Engineer Hanson said that he and President Bucheck and Secretary Scheel will meet with Mike Regan, Manager of the Indian Hills Golf Course, tomorrow, July 13th, about the Sunnybrook Lake area flooding issue, and that the administrator for the Browns Creek Watershed District would like to meet with Engineer Hanson and the Browns Creek WD engineer, to review the conceptual plan on July 17th. Also, the LSCVWD managers are invited to attend a regular meeting of the Browns Creek WD.

At the last meeting, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to prepare a plan for linking the ponds in the Sunnybrook Lake area in order to design a project to alleviate flooding in the Sunnybrook Lake area. He distributed a map for the managers’ discussion, showing the options available.

New District Logo - Draft Certificates and Letters Engineer Hanson said he and President Bucheck have drafted letters and certificates for the students who participated in the designing of the logo for the Lower St. Croix Valley Watershed District. The letters and certificates will be mailed soon.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - July 26, 2001 President Bucheck and Treasurer Fetcher will be absent from the next meeting, but the managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

District 2000 Annual Report The Recording Secretary had distributed copies of the draft 2000 Annual Report at the last meeting, and the managers will review it. The Audit portion has not yet been received from the District’s Auditor.

Silver Lake Update Treasurer Fetcher reported that he has talked to Greg Wilson at Barr Engineering about whether it is more important to complete the application for the money from the Metropolitan Council, or to finalize the plan so that the City of North St. Paul has the opportunity to review it. The managers agreed that efforts should be made first to acquire the money.
Web Site Address Engineer Hanson asked the managers if he should reserve a web site in the name of the Lower St. Croix Valley Watershed District. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to direct the District Engineer to reserve a web site domain for the Lower St. Croix Valley Watershed District. Motion carried unanimously.

William Buelow District Resident - Filling in 100-Year Floodplain It was reported to Engineer Hanson that a resident in West Lakeland Township is filling in the 100-year floodplain without a permit from the District. Vice President Borash said he had visited with the resident about the fill, and learned that the resident was unaware that he needed a permit to do the work. Engineer Hanson also said that a very little portion of the fill is in the 100-year floodplain. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash that the District issue Permit # 2001-19 to the resident, William Buelow, waiving any fees, and approving the project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Fetcher at 8:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel,

Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 07/26/01