Minutes of Regular Meeting # 645 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, June 28, 2001

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Barr Engineering; Barb Wolle, Attorney, and Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Berg and Melissa Lewis, Washington SWCD; Sandy Pederson, Stillwater High School Teacher, Valley Creek BioMonitoring; and Mitch Johnson, Emmons and Olivier Resources

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Bucheck at 7:08 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the June 14, 2001 meeting, motion was made by Fetcher, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.


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 Wolle said there was nothing new to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Fetcher distributed copies of the Income Statement: Budget Variance for the Five Months Ending May 31, 2001. He said that copies of the draft Audit for 2000 will be available in the next few weeks. Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS At this time President Bucheck authorized a change in the order of agenda items.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Valley Creek BioMonitoring Jeff Berg, Washington SWCD, explained to the managers that the Volunteer Monitoring of Valley Creek is funded through a Grant from the MnDNR, and that the funding will run out at the end of 2001. He introduced Melissa Lewis with the Washington SWCD, and Sandy Pederson, a Stillwater High School 10th grade Biology Teacher whose students actually collect the data from Valley Creek.
Sandy Pederson said the students enjoy the program very much, and that it is a wonderful learning experience for all the students. She explained how two teams from Stillwater High School monitor two sites on Valley Creek, twice annually. The students collect the data and record information about the physical condition of the stream.

Melissa Lewis distributed copies of the description of the monitoring program and the allocation of the needed funds. The managers had previously been alerted to the fact that the money from the MnDNR would be running out, and were asked to consider contributing some of the funding after 2001, if necessary.

The managers thanked the group for the presentation, said that the program is certainly an important one, and will consider supporting funding of the program.

**James Palecek Property** Engineer Hanson said he asked Jim Palecek to attend the managers’ meeting, but he chose not to attend. Engineer Hanson had sent to Mr. Palecek a list of alternatives to prevent flooding on his property. The managers had the same list. Engineer Hanson conveyed to the managers which alternatives that Mr. Palecek would like them to consider. After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to table the discussion until Mr. Palecek is able to attend a managers’ meeting and discuss the issue, and also to send a copy of the approved minutes of this meeting to Mr. Palecek. Motion carried unanimously.

**Michelle Kuss Minor Subdivision, Afton - Permit Request** Engineer Hanson described a project located 1000 feet west of Nybeck Avenue South, directly north of 30th Street South, in the SE 3 of SW 3 of SE 3 of Section 17, Township 28 North, Range 20 West. The applicant is proposing to divide a 10.1-acre site into two lots for eventual construction of two single-family homes and associated driveways.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and erosion control concerns, **motion** was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve Permit # 2001-17 with the engineer’s suggested conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wynveen Property, Grant - Permit Request** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located 1000 feet west of Jasmine Avenue North, directly south of 68th Street North in the SW 3 of NW 3 of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 21 West. The applicant is proposing a single-family home and driveway for one lot within the St. Jude of the Lake subdivision (Permit 2000-15).

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and erosion control concerns, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2001-16 with the engineer’s suggested conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Downs Lake - Update** At the last meeting, the managers asked Engineer Hanson for a cost estimate of the Downs Lake project. He had mailed to the managers a list of the features and estimated costs and they discussed it at this meeting. President Bucheck said he thought the total of the project would be much less than the estimates showed. After discussion, the managers asked the engineer to develop more detailed estimates of the costs so that they can place it in the budget for 2002.

**Woodbury AUAR - Update** Engineer Hanson reported to the managers that he and Secretary Scheel had attended the June 21st meeting of the City of Woodbury and the MnDNR, to discuss the impacts of adding 13 ground water wells to the eastern portion of the City of Woodbury. The wells would be legally within the South Washington Watershed District, but would have huge impacts on Valley Creek. At the meeting there was discussion of placing the wells in areas using different aquifers, but the results were still not good.
After much discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to direct Engineer Hanson to work with the South Washington Watershed District to develop a letter to send to the MnDNR on this issue. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sunnybrook Lake** The managers had held a workshop at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Sunnybrook Lake flooding issue. From discussion at that workshop, President Bucheck said that almost any options discussed includes the idea of linking various ponds together. Engineer Hanson said that the information needed for that design is available. After further discussion, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fetcher to direct the engineer to prepare a plan for linking the ponds in the Sunnybrook Lake area. Motion carried unanimously.

President Bucheck said that meetings should be arranged with Mike Regan, Manager of the Indian Hills Golf Course, and with the managers of the Browns Creek Watershed District. He asked Engineer Hanson to contact these people to see when the best time would be to meet.

**Afton Natural Resources Inventory** Engineer Hanson said he and Jeff Berg, Washington SWCD, met with the City of Afton Planning Commission and the Council members, concerning the city-wide natural resource inventory. The report is complete, and the City of Afton is requesting whether the managers would be willing to host a web site or assist them in maintaining a web site. The City of Afton has its own web site, but they prefer to put the completed report on the watershed district=s web site. In discussion, the managers said they do not have the resources to do that for the City of Afton. Engineer Hanson said he will relay that information to the Afton City Council.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - July 12, 2001** The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

**New District Logo** The managers voted for their favorite logo designed by the students at Century College. The winning logo is a picture of an egret in water with cattails and pine trees in the background. The managers had agreed that a cash prize of $100 would be awarded to the winner and a certificate be given to the other five participants.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel,

Secretary

**Minutes Approved by Managers 07/12/01**