Minutes of Regular Meeting # 671 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, August 22, 2002

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Freeman, with Folz, Freeman, and DuPay, Norm Dupre, Bay Lake Flood Level; Chuck Taylor, CAC; Bob Barth, Bonestroo, Woodbury Permit; and Jeff Berg, Washington Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Borash at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the August 8, 2002 meeting, motion was made by Scheel, seconded by Borash, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Additional agenda item is as follows: F.10. Recruiting for Metro Area Children’s Water Festival on September 25th.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no comments in the Public Forum segment of the meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Secretary Scheel said the mail had been distributed.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich said he had nothing new to report 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 Treasurer’s Report dated August 20, 2002, and also the Administrative and Program Budgets through August 31, 2002. After discussion, motion was 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 Borash authorized a change in the order of agenda items.

Tim Freeman - Request for Rule Change Tim Freeman was present to discuss a request for a change in the VBWD Rules regarding the setting of the minimum floor elevation. He had distributed copies of his written request at the last meeting for the managers to study, and asked to be on the agenda at this meeting.

Engineer Hanson had sent a memorandum to the managers dated August 13, 2002, regarding the Rule Revision Request. In his memorandum Engineer Hanson stated that he would work with the District=
attorneys to develop the appropriate language and follow the necessary procedures, if the managers choose to revise the current rules and regulations.

The managers thanked Mr. Freeman for his well-written paper requesting the rule change. The managers discussed many points made in the written request, and informed Mr. Freeman that the managers are in the process of updating the District's Water Management Plan at this time, and consideration can be given to rule changes during this process.

Norm Dupre - Request for Bay Lake Flood Level Change
Norm Dupre appeared before the managers once again to ask for the managers’ permission to hire Barr Engineering to study the issue of the 100-year flood level of Bay Lake. He had hired another engineering firm to accomplish the study, but he wasn’t satisfied with the results of the study. The managers again said that it would be controversial for Barr Engineering to do the study for Mr. Dupre. Mr. Dupre explained to the managers, as he has previously, that even with the heavy rains that have occurred recently, there is no flooding anywhere on his land. Vice President Bucheck stated that the watershed district needs to rely on calculations when determining 100-year flood levels, not a few recent observations. Mr. Dupre left the meeting after a lengthy discussion.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Permit Request: NE Trunk Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, Woodbury
Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located east of Cottage Grove Drive, about 700 feet south of Hudson Road, Woodbury, in the NW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 28 N, Range 21 W. The purpose of the project is to install sanitary sewer lift station to service the northeastern area of Woodbury.

The managers had previously approved a permit for a sanitary sewer line west of Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. At the time, the managers agreed with the City of Woodbury that a separate permit would be required for the lift station. A bituminous access driveway and a block/brick building are proposed.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit # 2002-13 with the engineer’s suggested site specific conditions, as well as the standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Mulcahy Park, Oakdale
Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located south of Hadley Avenue and north of the east end of Golfview Avenue North in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 29 N, Range 21 W. The purpose of the project is to develop a small park (Mulcahy Park), which results in a small amount of wetland fill.

The District previously approved the City of Oakdale’s water management plan. Therefore, the District has permitting authority for only projects within Oakdale that involve stormwater discharges leaving the city and for projects involving the Wetland Conservation Act. The site drains east to MnDNR protected wetland 375W.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2002-15 with the engineer’s suggested site specific conditions, as well as the standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Northbrook Boulevard, Baytown Township
Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located on both shoulders of Northbrook Boulevard north of 30th Street North, Baytown Township in the E 2 of Section 8, Township 29 N, Range 20 W. The purpose of the project is to widen the shoulders for safety.

Engineer Hanson said that he had been informed of unpermitted activities along Northbrook Boulevard. Baytown Township had hired a contractor to widen the road, and apparently, the contractor told the township that all permits had been obtained. The project does require a District permit because it disturbed more than one acre of vegetation.
Engineer Hanson has requested that Baytown Township submit an after-the-fact permit application. He also said that erosion has occurred because the fill has not been compacted and the side slopes are very steep.

After discussion, motion was made by Fether and seconded by Scheel to table Permit # 2002-16 for lack of information given to the managers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Dancing Waters, Woodbury** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located between St. John=s Drive, Manning Avenue, Brookfield Road, and Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, in the E 2 of Section 11, W 2 of Section 12, SW 1/4 of NE 2 of Section 12, Township 29 N, Range 21 W. The purpose of the project is to construct 650 single-family lots, 488 multi-family lots, several roads, stormwater ponds, a wetland mitigation site, and other features.

The proposed project has parts that are legally within VBWD and parts that are legally within South Washington WD. The South Washington WD is currently preparing a petition to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to have the legal boundaries changed.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to approve Permit # 2002-17 with the engineer=s suggested site specific conditions, as well as the standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sunnybrook Lake Update** As requested by the managers at the last meeting, Barr Engineering modeled a potential Sunnybrook Lake flood relief option that only optimized the existing storage between Doerr=s Pond and Keats Pond. He prepared a table for the managers, which summarizes the information. The managers discussed the information with Engineer Hanson.

**Silver Lake Bioretention Update** Engineer Hanson reported that he has been working with the City of North St. Paul and has submitted a permit application to the MnDNR. They are now waiting to hear from the MnDNR about the permit, and from Ramsey Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the availability of plants.

**Lake DeMontreville Public Access Update** Engineer Hanson reported that there will be a final inspection of the site by the MnDNR on Friday morning the 23rd. If there are enough volunteers, there will be some planting done this fall.

**Request to Participate in Groundwater Forum** Jon Michels of Washington County, asked Engineer Hanson to participate in a Groundwater Forum on September 19th. The Forum will inform residents on the issues that the county hopes to address in the Washington County Groundwater Plan. The managers agreed that Engineer Hanson should be involved with the forum.

**Feedback from the Fair Booth** Engineer Hanson had mailed copies of the 2002 Washington County Fair Feedback to the managers for their review. There was no discussion.

**Recruiting for Metro Area Children=s Water Festival** Engineer Hanson had received a request for volunteers to work at the Metro Area Children=s Water Festival to be held on Wednesday, September 25th. He asked if any managers would be interested in volunteering. The managers said they are not available on that day.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - September 12, 2002** The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

**2003 Budget Discussion** Treasurer Fether distributed copies of the 2003 Draft Budget, which the managers discussed at length. The hearing on the budget will be held on the 12th of September.
ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Bucheck at 10:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 09/12/02