Minutes of Regular Meeting # 669 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, July 25, 2002.

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dale Borash, President; Dave Bucheck, Vice President; Don Scheel, Secretary;

MANAGERS ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Treasurer; Duane Johnson, Manager

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Raleigh, Permit Application; Jeff Berg, Washington Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Borash at 7:10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the July 11, 2002 meeting, motion was made by Bucheck, seconded by Scheel to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Additional agenda items are as follows: F.7. Neighborhood Wilds Program.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in the public forum segment of the meeting.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor was absent; no report was given.

SECRETARY REPORT Secretary Scheel said the mail had been distributed.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT Attorney Wolle reported that the Fahlstrom Pond Agreement has been completely executed. She also had a copy of the Agreement with the Metropolitan Council concerning the bioretention project on Silver Lake. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to authorize the signing of the Metropolitan Environmental Partnership Grant Agreement for the Silver Lake BioRetention Project. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT Treasurer Fetcher was absent, but had provided copies of the Treasurer=s Report dated July 23, 2002, and the Administrative and Program Budgets dated 07/31/02. Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the Treasurer=s Report as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER REPORT After-the-Fact Permit - Raleigh Fill on Lake Elmo Engineer Hanson presented information on a project to replace a falling-down railroad tie retaining wall with a boulder wall of the same dimensions and to add a sand blanket beach. The project is located at 2737 Lake Elmo Avenue, Lake Elmo, in the NE1/4 of Section 24, T29N, R21W. The applicant has already replaced the former railroad tie retaining wall with a boulder retaining wall.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve permit # 2002-14 with the
engineer=s site specific suggested conditions, and the engineer=s standard conditions, and to waive the permit application fee, as is typically done for individual homeowners requesting a District permit. Motion carried as follows: Bucheck, Yes; Scheel, Yes, Borash, No.

Permit Request: Northeast Area Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Woodbury Engineer Hanson described a project located west of Cottage Grove Drive, from about 1000 feet north of Brookview Road to about 1000 feet south of Hudson Road, Woodbury, in the NE1/4 of Section 2, T28N, R21W. The purpose of the project is to install sanitary sewer to service the northeastern area of Woodbury.

The proposed project is partially within the South Washington Watershed District and partially within the Fahlstrom Pond subwatershed of the VBWD. This permit application is for only the sanitary sewer. A separate permit application will be made for the associated lift station. A VBWD permit is required because more than one acre of vegetation is proposed to be disturbed.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to approve permit # 2002-12 with the engineer=s site specific suggested conditions, and the engineer=s standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Subwatershed Plan Engineer Hanson was prepared to discuss the highlights of the Valley Creek Subwatershed Plan with the managers, as requested. The managers agreed that the presentation should again be postponed, because two managers are absent from this meeting.

Sunnybrook Lake Update Engineer Hanson reported that he has met with the Brown=s Creek Watershed District engineers to discuss their findings in the review. He also said that he will have some modeling results available for the managers by the first of September.

Washington County Fair The managers discussed the staffing schedule for the booth at the Washington County Fair, also the arrangements for getting into the fairgrounds. Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel that managers will be reimbursed for per diem and expenses incurred while staffing the booth at the 2002 Washington County Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

BCWD/VBWD Legal Boundary Change Engineer Hanson said he and Attorney Marshall, and Secretary Scheel attended the brief hearing for the BCWD/VBWD legal boundary change petition on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Government Center. The Brown=s Creek Watershed District was represented, also.

Neighborhood Wilds Program The MnDNR has a Neighborhood Wilds Program® in which the Tri-Lakes and Valley Creek neighborhoods would like to participate. The neighborhoods would like the VBWD=s support. The purpose of the program is to attempt to allow neighborhoods to work together in solving problems such as improving vegetative buffers around water resources, controlling buckthorn or other wild weeds in the area, etc. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve the VBWD=s partnership with the Neighborhood Wilds Program submissions. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - August 8, 2002 The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel at 8:08 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary