Minutes of Regular Meeting # 667 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, June 27, 2002.

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

MANAGER ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Berg, Washington SWCD; Norm Dupre, Bay Lake Floodplain Issue; Scott Duddeck, St. Mary’s Cemetery Permit Application

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the May 9, 2002 meeting, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion of the minutes of the June 13, 2002 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Additional agenda items are as follows: G.3. St. Mary’s Cemetery, North St. Paul; G.4. Washington County Fair. 7.A. Follow-up on Permit Problems.

PUBLIC FORUM Bay Lake Floodplain Norm Dupre, resident on Bay Lake, was present to discuss the 100-year flood elevation of Bay Lake. He had attended a previous meeting to ask the managers to reconsider the 100-year flood elevation in the area of Bay Lake. At that meeting he was informed that topographic maps are available from Washington County that could be used for a study to determine whether the 100-year flood elevation is inaccurate. At this meeting Mr. Dupre requested assistance from the VBWD in purchasing those topographic maps, stating that the cost is excessive for Washington County residents. After listening to Mr. Dupre’s request, the managers all agreed that a government agency was not in the position to assist in that way. Mr. Dupre thanked the managers for their consideration of his request.

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

MANAGERS’ REPORT St. Mary’s Cemetery, North St. Paul Scott Duddeck, Public Works Director, North St. Paul, was present to discuss the St. Mary’s Cemetery permit application. The permit application, to reconstruct a pond and a wetland outlet to relieve flooding, has been tabled twice by the managers at previous meetings in order to get more information concerning the outlet into the adjacent wetland. Mr. Duddeck explained the history of the flooding problem in the area. He indicated that additional flood protection might be desired in the future, and asked that the proposed outlet structure be allowed to be re-designed to allow for a future project. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by
Johnson to approve Permit # 2002-04, with the engineer’s suggested conditions, with potential modifications to the outlet that would need to be approved by the District’s Engineer prior to construction and that any future project will require another permit. Motion carried unanimously. The managers agreed that the condition of the wetland should be reviewed within 60 or 90 days.

CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor was absent. There was no lake level report given.

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

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Wolle reported that the Fahlstrom Pond agreement between cities is still not completed, but that it will be soon. She also suggested to the managers that a workshop could be scheduled soon to discuss the “Volume Control” issue. The managers agreed that the best time for a two-hour workshop to discuss Volume Control, would be in conjunction with a regular meeting date. No date was set.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Fetcher distributed the Treasurer’s Report dated June 25, 2002. After reviewing the Treasurer’s Report, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated June 25, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Dave Dahl Pond Excavation, Afton Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located in Lot 1, Block 1, Jacob Fahlstrom Preserve, SW 1/4 Section 5, Township 28 North, Range 20 West in Afton. The proposed project to construct a pond is below the 100-year flood level of Fahlstrom Pond, and therefore, requires a permit. The applicant wishes to excavate about 50,000 cubic yards of material from an existing low area in order to construct a pond. The excavated material will be used around the home that the applicant is constructing on the lot. After excavating the pond, the applicant plans to line it with clay and fill it with water from his well.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2002-11. Motion carried unanimously.

WCA Exemption Request: Park Overlook, Oakdale Engineer Hanson presented information on a Wetland Conservation Act Exemption request for a project located in the northwest quadrant of Hadley Avenue N. and 50th Street N., Oakdale. The purpose of the project is for a Wetland Conservation Act exemption request for approximately 600 square feet of temporary wetland impact caused by sanitary sewer construction.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Wetland Conservation Act exemption request. 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. Because of the late hour, the managers agreed to postpone the engineer’s report on the Plan until the next meeting.
Downs Lake Engineer Hanson said the bid opening for the Downs Lake project was held yesterday, June 26th. There were three contractors who submitted bids, but for reasons stated by the engineer, two of the bids were not opened. He said this time of the year is not the best time for a project bid opening. Attorney Wolle recommended that the managers reject all bids submitted and advertise for bids later in the year. Motion by Scheel and seconded by Borash to accept the attorney's suggestion, to reject all bids submitted, and to let the bid process later in the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Summary of Lake Elmo Environmental Committee Meeting Engineer Hanson said he attended the Lake Elmo Environmental Committee meeting on June 20th, along with President Borash, and Karen Chandler, of Barr Engineering, to present information regarding a city water management plan. He said a lot of information was covered.

MAWD Summer Tour Engineer Hanson reminded the managers that the MAWD Summer Tour activities would begin this evening, June 27th, with the actual tour being held on Friday the 28th of June. He also said that the tour will not include any sites in the VBWD, because of time constraints.

Sunnybrook Lake Update Engineer Hanson reported that Sunnybrook Lake is very high, about a foot from going over Jocelyn Road. He also said that Keats Pond is very high. He mentioned the Grant City Council meeting to be held July 2nd, where the Indian Hills Golf Course permit will again be discussed.

MANAGERS' REPORT (Cont.) Next Meeting - July 11, 2002 The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting. Secretary Scheel will not be present.

2001 Annual Report and Audit Treasurer Fetcher provided the recording secretary with his changes to the financial section of the annual report. Treasurer Fetcher said the audit will be completed soon, also.

Washington County Fair Secretary Scheel said the application for a booth at the Washington County Fair has been approved. Engineer Hanson and the managers discussed the plans for the county fair participation.

OLD BUSINESS Follow-Up on Permit Problem Manager Johnson asked Engineer Hanson for the results of an inspection of an excavation project that the managers had discussed about a year ago. Engineer Hanson explained that he and the inspector are aware of the project activity, and that a permit had been issued.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Bucheck at 9:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 07/11/02