Minutes of Regular Meeting # 665 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 23, 2002.

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Dave Bucheck, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Barr Engineering; and Ray Marshall, Attorney; Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Berg, Washington SWCD; Camilla Correll and Cecilio Olivier, Emmons and Olivier Resources, Inc.; Craig Leiser, Tim Freeman; (All for Sunnybrook Lake); Norman Dupre, Bay Lake Elevations; Joe and Nicole Park, and Raymond Salus, Country Air Golf Park; Rich Himer, Mulligan Masters

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

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

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda: F.7. Lake Elmo Request

PUBLIC FORUM Bay Lake/Norman Dupre Norman Dupre was present to ask the managers to reconsider the 100-year flood elevation of Bay Lake, which is located in Baytown Township, north of 30th Street, east of Neal Avenue, and west of Oakgreen Avenue. Mr. Dupre is the owner of most of the property directly east of Bay Lake and he wants to develop a cluster subdivision. At the current 100-year flood level of Bay Lake, most of the homes cannot have basements to meet the District=s minimum floor elevation rule.

In a memorandum to the VBWD Managers dated May 14, 2002, Engineer Hanson states that the 100-year flood level was established by the VBWD in its 1986 Water Management Plan. It was set at Elevation 898, which is about 23 feet above its normal water level. Also in the memorandum, Engineer Hanson wrote that new 2-foot topography is available from Washington County that could be used to restudy the 100-year flood level of Bay Lake. The county is currently studying flood levels of landlocked basins for revised FEMA maps, but it could take several months or more for the county to complete the study.

Mr. Dupre feels very strongly that the 100-year flood level should be changed, and he would like the decision on the water level made quickly. Engineer Hanson said the cost of the study would be estimated at $15,000 if done by the engineering firms hired.
The managers agreed that the VBWD should not spend the money to have the study done, and that the developer would need to pay for it if he does not want to wait for the County to complete the study.

Sunnybrook Lake - Browns Creek WD Managers Plan to Attend Meeting Craig Leiser, Browns Creek WD President, began a discussion with the managers of the Sunnybrook Lake Flood Relief Feasibility Study. The Browns Creek WD Engineer distributed a memorandum to the managers, which discussed the history of the past year’s collaboration by the two watershed districts to study the Sunnybrook Lake flooding issue. The engineers and managers then discussed the contents of the feasibility study review made by the Browns Creek WD. The managers thanked the Browns Creek group for coming to the meeting and explaining their findings.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Permit Request - Country Air Golf Course - Lake Elmo At the last meeting, the managers tabled the discussion of Permit # 2002-09 for lack of information submitted by the applicant. At this meeting the applicants were present to discuss the permit application. The purpose of the project is to construct an 18-hole pitch and putt golf course. As part of the course, the applicant wishes to pump water into a proposed creek, allow the creek to drain into a wetland, and irrigate the golf course from the water in the wetland. The applicant proposes to deepen and expand the wetland.

After the applicants presented more information and explained what they propose to do, motion was made by Scheel, seconded by Johnson, to approve Permit # 2002-09 with the engineer’s suggested conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mulligan Masters, Permit 2002-10 Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, T29N, R21W about a quarter mile north of I-94, west of Keats Avenue, Lake Elmo. The purpose of the project is to construct a recreational golf development. The applicant wishes to grade about 38 acres to create a short golf course, a driving range, and a children’s area. A parking lot with 210 stalls and a club house are also proposed. Several ponds are proposed, but the applicant wants to line them and pump groundwater into them to keep them wet. One stormwater pond is proposed at the southeast corner of the site and one basin is proposed at the north end of the site.

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 # 2002-10 with the engineer’s site specific conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Collapsed Culvert in City of Grant At the last meeting the managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact a contractor to install a new culvert on the private property of a resident in the City of Grant. At this meeting Engineer Hanson reported that he had attempted to get in touch with the contractor to get cost estimates to replace the collapsed culvert, but was unsuccessful. The landowners who were most affected by the backed up water, were able to get a contractor to install a new culvert. A bill will be sent to the VBWD to pay for the replaced culvert.

Sunnybrook Lake Update Engineer Hanson said that he had talked with Mike Regan about his golf course project that had been voted down by the City of Grant. Mike Regan told him that he plans to discuss the project with the Grant City Council again. After much discussion of the Sunnybrook Lake project, President Borash agreed to contact Candice Kraemer and invite her to the next managers’ meeting on June 13, 2002, and ask her to invite other Sunnybrook Lake residents, as well.

Downs Lake Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a copy of the Advertisement for Bids for the Downs Lake Flood Duration Reduction Project. They discussed the advertisement, and motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fetcher, to approve the project and direct the engineer to advertise for bids. Motion carried unanimously.
Silver Lake Bioretention Project Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a preliminary draft of the grading plan for the Silver Lake Bioretention project. The managers discussed the plans. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to forward the preliminary grading plan to the City of North St. Paul for their review.

Lake Elmo Request Engineer Hanson reported that the City of Lake Elmo is considering preparing its own city water management plan. The Lake Elmo Administrator has asked Engineer Hanson to make a presentation at an environmental advisory committee meeting on June 20th to discuss the contents of a water management plan, and what the VBWD has in its Plan. The managers all agreed that it is a good idea for Engineer Hanson to make the presentation to the Lake Elmo committee.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Marshall delivered contracts to the managers for signature, which contracts were approved at a prior meeting.

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

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich said he and Engineer Hanson have visited 18 permit sites since the last managers’ meeting. For those projects that are not in conformance with the permit issued by VBWD, letters will be written to the applicants, notifying them of this.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Fetcher said he has met with Tautges Redpath, the auditors, and they have reviewed the accounts. He also said that next month he will have completed an analysis of the status of the budget.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - June 13, 2002 The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The managers agreed to table the approval of the minutes of the April 25th meeting until the next managers’ meeting.

St. Mary’s Cemetery - North St. Paul Treasurer Fetcher said he has met with persons at the North St. Paul City Hall, and explained the managers’ position on the St. Mary’s Cemetery permit application. The City of North St. Paul will contact Engineer Hanson with further information. Engineer Hanson said he has not been contacted yet.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes approved by Managers 06/13/02