Minutes of Regular Meeting # 674 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, October 10, 2002

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dale Borash, President; Don Scheel, Secretary; Lincoln Fetcher, Treasurer

MANAGERS ABSENT: Dave Bucheck, Vice President; Duane Johnson, Manager

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Norm Dupre and Mrs. Dupre, and their engineer from Passe Engineering, Bay Lake Reserve; Chuck Taylor, CAC; and Jeff Berg, Washington Conservation District

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the September 26, 2002 meeting, motion was made by Scheel, seconded by Fetcher, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Items were added to the agenda under Managers: Consultant Review Letters; and Indian Hills Golf Course.

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor had mailed the lake level reports to the managers, and discussed them at this meeting.

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

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Marshall reported that he sent a letter, as authorized by the managers at the last meeting, to Baytown Township concerning its unauthorized project to widen Northbrook Boulevard, but has had no response. He will notify the managers when he has more information.
TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Fetcher said he will meet with Mark Gibbs of Tautges Redpath Ltd. on Tuesday to discuss the chart of accounts. He reminded the managers and staff to submit their expenses and per diems.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Bay Lake Reserve, Permit # 2002-19 Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located in the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, northeast of Norman Avenue and 30th Street, Baytown Township. The purpose of the project is to develop 28 single family housing lots, about 0.3 miles of roadway, and two stormwater ponds on a 80-acre site.

The site lies on the west side of Bay Lake. Drainage patterns are not proposed to change, and all of the site currently drains directly to Bay Lake. A small area of the site first drains to two wetlands located in the northwestern portion of the site before overflowing into Bay Lake, which is a landlocked lake. Therefore, stormwater runoff volumes entering the lake are especially a concern. The project proposes to add about 2.5 acres of new impervious surfaces. About half the site will remain as open space.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve Permit # 2002-19 the engineer’s suggested site specific conditions, as well as the standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

After-The-Fact Wetland Fill Request: Tana Ridge (Fields of St. Croix II), Lake Elmo, Permit # 99-12 Engineer Hanson explained to the managers that Tana Ridge was permitted under the Fields of St. Croix Second Addition permit in 1999. Condition 11 of that permit required that all paths be constructed outside of the delineated edges of wetlands. Upon inspection, it was found that the fringe of a Type III wetland has been filled, as a result of the construction of one path. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to allow an exemption certificate, contingent on the requested specific figure indicating the actual amount and location of the wetland fill area. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Comments on Draft Washington County Groundwater Plan Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft letter of comments on the Draft Washington County Groundwater Plan. The managers discussed the comments, and suggested changes. Engineer Hanson will make the changes to the draft comments, and the managers will discuss it at the next meeting when all managers are present.

Crombie Pond Fish Barrier Update Engineer Hanson reported that he has asked the MnDNR for permission for the VBWD to remove the fish barrier in Crombie Pond, since it is impossible for carp to swim up the Project 1007 pipe. The fish barrier is not needed. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to have Engineer Hanson check the MnDNR web site to see if the fish survey shows carp in Lake Jane and if so, pull the barrier; otherwise, discuss it at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sunnybrook Lake Update Engineer Hanson said as of October 8th, water was not over Jocelyn Road and Keats Avenue. He reviewed with the managers a map showing areas in which culverts will be needed if their proposed project is carried out. The managers discussed acquiring easements for the floodplain and culverts. Engineer Hanson said he will provide Attorney Marshall with the information so that he can arrive at the costs for the easements. Engineer Hanson said he has been contacted by a Grant City staff person concerning a resident’s flooded basement. The managers agreed that a letter should finally be sent to the
City of Grant concerning the responsibility of the City of Grant regarding the flooding in the area.

Fahlstrom Pond Engineer Hanson said Barr Engineering has completed the proposed land use model and compared that with what the existing conditions model predicted, to see if there is a big difference in water levels at Fahlstrom Pond. He said he will have that information at the next meeting.

Water Management Plan Update Engineer Hanson had sent the managers a second memorandum regarding the District’s Water Management Plan revision. The managers agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when all managers are present.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - October 24, 2002 The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

Cancellation of Meetings in November and December Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel that the second meeting in November, and the second meeting in December will be cancelled, as is done every year. Motion carried unanimously.

Consultant Letters Every two years the managers, according to law, conduct a regular review of consulting services. The managers directed the Recording Secretary to prepare the usual letters to the current consultants, and to place an ad in the District’s legal newspapers announcing the regular two-year review of consulting services.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel,

Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 10/24/02