Minutes of Regular Meeting # 679 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, January 23, 2003

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Don Scheel, Secretary

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

STAFF ABSENT: Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Berg, Washington Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Bucheck at 7:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the January 9, 2003 meeting, motion was made by Fetcher, seconded by Borash, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Item added to the agenda under Managers: Proposed Taxing Authority for Washington Conservation District.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in the Public Forum segment of the meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Secretary Scheel was absent; Engineer Hanson had picked up the mail and distributed it.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich was absent. No report was given.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Wolle said there was nothing new to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets dated 12/31/2002-revised to reflect 01/20/03 Accounts Payable, and the Treasurer’s Report dated January 21, 2003. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Borash said he had met with Engineer Hanson, Mark Gibbs, and Vice President Fetcher concerning the transition of the Treasurer position, and the chart of accounts of the District.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Downs Lake Project Update Engineer Hanson reported that he has issued the Notice to Proceed, for the Downs Lake Project, and also had the preconstruction meeting with the contractor on the site. Downs Lake residents attended also. At the meeting one of the residents offered to allow the heavy equipment to cross his land instead of another owner’s land during the project construction, in order to save two large oak trees. Attorney Wolle provided a letter addressed to that resident, for President Bucheck’s signature, which letter acknowledges the fact that the resident made the offer. President Bucheck signed the letter and directed the attorney to mail it to the resident. Attorney Wolle said she is working on getting the easements along Manning Trail from 3M.
Fahlstrom Pond Engineer Hanson asked the managers for their comments on the draft report of the Fahlstrom Pond Study that he had mailed to them previously. After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Johnson that the Fahlstrom Pond Flood Level Analysis report should be finalized and sent to the Cities of Afton and Woodbury. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - February 13, 2003 The managers said they do expect to have a quorum at the next meeting. The recording secretary will be absent from the meeting.

2003 Goals President Bucheck had drafted a list of Goals for 2003. The managers discussed the list and made some changes. President Bucheck said he will finalize the list for the next meeting.

Annual Report for 2002 Recording Secretary Karen Schultz distributed draft copies of the managers’ section of the 2002 annual report. The managers will review the draft for the next meeting.

Proposed Taxing Authority for Washington Conservation District Jeff Berg of the Washington Conservation District, discussed with the managers the fact that the Conservation District is currently funded by Washington County, and that the County has reduced the Conservation District’s budget, and is intending to further reduce the budget. Jeff Berg asked the managers for their support of a Resolution by the Washington Conservation District to adopt taxing authority in order to provide a stable funding source.

After much discussion, the managers agreed that a cost share with the watershed districts could be an option for the Washington Conservation District, and asked Jeff Berg to relay that information to the Board of Directors of the Washington Conservation District, and if a Resolution is still necessary, the managers will consider it. Also, the managers wanted to know the position of the Washington County Commissioners on the taxing and cost share options before further considering adopting a Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 8:27 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 01/23/03