Minutes of Regular Meeting # 716 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers  
Thursday, October 14, 2004

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Dave Bucheck, President

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Candice Kraemer, CAC; Sharon Schwarze, City of Grant; Mark Youngdahl, Senn and Youngdahl; Alan Kretman and Greg Morris, ProTerra Design Associates, Inc. (Tapestry at Charlotte’s Grove)

CALL TO ORDER Vice President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the September 23, 2004 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda were: Under Engineer: Washington County Ground Water Study; Under Managers: MAWD Convention; Update on Pipe on Olinger Property.

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor had mailed his report on lake levels, and discussed it with the managers at this meeting.

SECRETARY=’S REPORT Secretary Scheel reported that he had distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR=’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported that no new projects have been started, and that the rest of the projects seem to be in good shape.

ATTORNEY=’S REPORT Attorney Marshall reported that he has been unable to reach Mrs. Olinger concerning the pipe stored on her property, but that he will have the necessary papers prepared when he has the check for Mrs. Olinger, as agreed upon by the managers at the last meeting.

TREASURER=’S REPORT Treasurer Borash informed the managers and staff that per diems and expense reports are due.

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

ENGINEER=’S REPORT Permit Request: Tapestry at Charlotte=s Grove, Lake Elmo Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located southeast of Julep Avenue North and 45th Street North in Lake Elmo, in the southeast quarter of Section 10 and the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 29 North,
Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to construct a single-family residential subdivision with 67 lots, about 2.8 miles of roadway, several miles of paved trail, about 8400 feet of storm sewer, and six stormwater ponds.

The site lies at the top of four VBWD watersheds. The northern third of the site drains to Clear Lake, the northeastern corner of the site drains to Goetschel Pond, the southeastern half of the site drains to Sunfish Lake, and the western edge of the site drains to a landlocked depression that ultimately drains to Lake Jane. All of the downstream basins are landlocked.

The managers agreed that the cash sureties required by the VBWD, and the City of Lake Elmo, shall be cooperative, but sufficient coverage, and the developer will not be obligated to pay a cash surety to each of the two entities.

After much discussion of the wetland management concerns, the water management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2004-26 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions, and an additional condition added by the managers, stating the VBWD will conduct all of the erosion control inspections throughout the project, via verbal understanding with the City of Lake Elmo, and that the site specific conditions will be updated as discussed by Engineer Hanson.

Permit Request: Garry Addition, Afton Engineer Hanson described a project located northeast of Quant Avenue and Putnam Boulevard in Afton in the SW quarter of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to subdivide about 20 acres into three lots and construct a 700-foot long road.

The entire site is legally within the VBWD, but the eastern half drains to the Middle St. Croix WMO. The western half drains to a complex of wetland basins, which if they overflow, drain to the main stem of Valley Creek. The proposed project will not change the overall drainage patterns.

After discussion of the wetland management concerns, the water management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2004-25 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Washington County Groundwater Study Engineer Hanson explained to the managers that consultants will be interviewed on November 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for hire to complete the BWSR grant study regarding surface water-groundwater connections in southern Washington County. Because the VBWD is a major financial partner in the study, Washington County has requested that the VBWD be represented by a manager during the interviews. The managers discussed it, and decided to ask President Bucheck if he will be available to attend.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - October 28, 2004 The managers expect a quorum to be present on October 28th.

Silver Lake Bioretention Site Engineer Hanson reported that he has worked with Attorney Wolle and sent the contract documents to Mike=s Lawn and Landscape for the proposed enhancements at the site. The contractor hopes to begin work the week of October 25th.

Sunnybrook Lake There was no discussion in the Sunnybrook Lake agenda item.

Two-Year Review of Consultants Recording Secretary Karen Schultz had the consultant review letters ready for signature. The managers agreed that Vice President Fetcher should sign the letters for President Bucheck. Vice President Fetcher signed the letters and the Recording Secretary will mail the letters to the respective consultants.
MAWD Annual Meeting Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to reimburse any manager for expenses and registration, who attends the 2004 MAWD Convention in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation of November 25th Meeting and December 23rd Meeting Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to cancel the November 25th meeting, and the December 23rd meeting, as is done every year. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Scheel at 8:32 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 10/28/04