Minutes of Regular Meeting # 737 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 22, 2005

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dave Bucheck, President; Don Scheel, Secretary; Dale Borash, Treasurer; Duane Johnson, Manager

MANAGERS ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Candice Kraemer and Sharon Schwarze, Grant City Councilpersons; William McCully, Wildflower Shores; Rick Vanzwol, Browns Creek Watershed District Groundwater Rules; Jim and Melissa Fazzone, Permit Request; Josh Bowe and Mike Warren, Fed Ex Permit; Mike Johnson, Sunnybrook Lake Proposed Project

CALL TO ORDER  President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda: Under Engineer: Watershed Resource Educator and Wildflower Shores.

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

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

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich said there has been no activity since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Wolle had nothing new to report.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005 dated August 31, 2005 and the Treasurer=s Report dated September 22, 2005. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Permit Request: Fed Ex Ground St. Paul Hub - Expansion and Remodeling, Mahtomedi Engineer Hanson described a project located between I-694 and Long Lake Road, and Century Avenue and Echo Lake Avenue, Mahtomedi in the NW quarter Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 21 West and SW quarter Section 31, Township 30 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to expand the existing facility and parking lot. The site is within the Roadway Service development, which was permitted by VBWD around 1995.
After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel, to approve Permit # 2005-20, with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Jim Fazzzone Fill on Lake DeMontreville, Lake Elmo Engineer Hanson presented information to the managers on a project located on the southwest side of Lake DeMontreville, 8148 Hill Trail North, Lake Elmo in the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct a retaining wall at the shoreline. The proposed fill is below the VBWD fill limit and will not increase the 100-year flood level.

After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Johnson, to approve Permit # 2005-21, with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Brown=s Creek Watershed District Groundwater Rules After discussion at the last managers= meeting of the request by Brown=s Creek Watershed District (BCWD) for a $5,000 contribution to develop county-wide groundwater rules, the managers had directed Engineer Hanson to draft a letter to BCWD, stating that the VBWD managers are not interested in contributing $5,000 for the groundwater rule development.

At this meeting, Rick Vanswol, BCWD, was present to discuss the issue with the managers. President Bucheck explained that he agreed with the managers= decision made at the last meeting, that the VBWD does not wish to contribute financially to the project.

Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers the letter he had been directed to draft. The managers approved the draft letter and directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letter.

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

ENGINEER=S REPORT Wildflower Shores William McCully was present to request a reduction in the amount of the cash surety for the Wildflower Shores permit, which permit had been issued by VBWD in 1999. Mr. McCully said he feels the $15,000 cash surety is higher than necessary. Mr. McCully has previously appeared before the managers to discuss the wetland banking site, which has not functioned to the satisfaction of the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP).

At this meeting, President Bucheck informed Mr. McCully that the cash surety will remain at $15,000, and also told Mr. McCully that if he can develop the proper vegetation, and the wetland bank gets a good start, he should return to the managers= meeting in two years to discuss the issue.

2005-2015 Plan Engineer Hanson and the managers discussed an upcoming meeting to be held October 5th at the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) office. The VBWD is scheduled to present the 2005-2015 Plan to the BWSR metro subcommittee, which subcommittee will then make a recommendation for approval or disapproval to the full Board of Water and Soil Resources. President Bucheck said he will attend the meeting, and Vice President Fetcher had said previously that he may attend also.

2006 Budget Information to Washington County Commissioners Engineer Hanson said he has prepared the forms as requested, and submitted them to the Washington County Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners will review watershed districts= budgets at a meeting on October 11th.

Watershed District Resource Educator Engineer Hanson reported that there is a meeting scheduled for October 5th about 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon at the Washington County offices to discuss the watershed district educator position. President Bucheck said he may be able to attend that meeting after he leaves the BWSR meeting that same day. President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to provide the managers with the information that had been compiled earlier in the year pertaining to the needs of a watershed district educator.
The managers expect a quorum to be present on October 13, 2005.

Sunnybrook Lake Candice Kraemer and Sharon Schwarze were present for the discussion on the Sunnybrook Lake project. Candice said, although she understands the managers’ frustration since the Grant City Council’s recent action in regard to the elevation of Keats and Jocelyn Avenues, the problem still exists.

Treasurer Borash said that until the managers have the support of the City Council of Grant, it is difficult for us to move forward with this project because of its history.

President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to draft a letter to the residents who had been contacted for assessment appraisals, to explain the status of the project. He asked Engineer Hanson to make it clear that the managers are stopping the project. A copy of the letter will be sent to the City of Grant. Engineer Hanson was directed to contact Doug Johnson, appraiser for the easements in the Sunnybrook Lake project.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Johnson at 8:33 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 10/13/05