Minutes of Regular Meeting # 732 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, July 14, 2005

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Candice Kraemer, Grant City Councilperson; David Hartwell, Belwin Foundation; Todd Erickson, Permit Requests; D.K. Dockendorf, Permit Request

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The managers postponed the approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2005 meeting until they meet on July 28, 2005.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Items added to the agenda: Under Engineer: Washington County MEP Grant; and Silver Lake Plan.

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

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

INSPECTOR=’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on his activities since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=’S REPORT Attorney Marshall had nothing new to report.

TREASURER=’S REPORT The Treasurer=s report will be given at the second meeting of the month.

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

ENGINEER=’S REPORT Permit Request: Barton Restoration (Belwin), Afton Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit application for a project located north of Lake Edith, northeast of Metcalf Marsh, and south of Shepherd of the Valley Church, about one half mile east of Stagecoach Trail and south of Hudson Road in Afton, in the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 28 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to restore a former gravel pit.
After much discussion of the Belwin plans to have the work done over five to 10 years, and discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, erosion control concerns, and groundwater issues, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit Number 2005-12 with the suggested changes made in the discussion, which included allowing the permit to remain valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance, and requiring the applicant to give an annual review, including a site visit by a VBWD representative. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Close-Out and Request: Echo Lake Town homes, Mahtomedi** Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit that had been approved by the managers in March 2005, for the Echo Lake Town homes project in Mahtomedi. The property has been sold by Dan Brown Builders to D.K. Dockendorf. Mr. Dockendorf began construction, but has voluntarily stopped, after being contacted by Inspector Roemmich, because a permit application needs to be made by Mr. Dockendorf. Mr. Dockendorf attended the VBWD meeting tonight, at Attorney Marshall=s request.

After much discussion of Engineer Hanson=s recommendations, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to close Permit 2005-03 and return remaining permit fee funds to Dan Brown Builders. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit Number 2005-11 with the conditions recommended in Permit Number 2005-03. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by Bucheck and seconded by Johnson to require a $5,000 permit fee, and a $77,091 cash surety from Mr. Dockendorf. Motion carried unanimously.

**Letter of Credit: Fields of St. Croix II, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson reported that the developer of the Fields of St. Croix II in Lake Elmo, Bob Engstrom, has requested that the expired Letter of Credit in the project be returned to him. Engineer Hanson said that when visiting the site with Inspector Roemmich, they discovered an erosion problem. He said that the developer told him that he will correct the erosion problem, and would like the Letter of Credit returned to him. The managers agreed that the Letter of Credit could be returned to Mr. Engstrom only when the erosion problem is corrected.

**Washington County Water Consortium Tour** Engineer Hanson reminded the managers that Amanda Goebel of Washington County, will be touring the watershed districts with the Washington County Water Consortium in September, and the managers need to choose a site for the tour to visit. The managers will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

**Washington County MEP Grant** Engineer Hanson reported that Amanda Goebel of Washington County is asking watershed districts to be a partner in a Metropolitan Council MetroEnvironmental Partnership grant to study infiltration testing techniques and to contribute up to $1,000. President Bucheck said he would favor participation if the managers receive a full report on the location of all the ponds and tests and the test results, which would allow the managers to continue long-term monitoring, if they desire. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Johnson to participate with the grant application for MEP and contribute up to $1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Silver Lake Plan** President Bucheck said he was thankful for Engineer Hanson=s efforts in getting all the people together for the Silver Lake plan management project.

**Permit Request: Lake Elmo Office Condo, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson described a project located north of the Lake Elmo Bank, between Highway 5 and Laverne Avenue in parts of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 of the Brookman 3rd Addition, Lake Elmo, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to construct an office building and associated parking.
In January the managers had determined that a VBWD permit is required for this project. Several permits have been issued for Brookman Additions. After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Johnson, to approve Permit # 2005-13, with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions, as well as the suggestions made by the managers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Farms of Lake Elmo, Permit 2005-14**  
Engineer Hanson described a project south of Highway 5, north and west of Lake Elmo Regional Park, and east of Jamely Avenue, Lake Elmo in the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to construct a single-family residential subdivision with 30 lots, about 1.3 miles of roadway, over 1.3 miles of paved trail, about 1,300 feet of storm sewer, and several stormwater ponds.

After much discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash, to approve Permit # 2005-14, with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - July 28, 2005**  
The managers expect a quorum to be present on July 28, 2005. Recording Secretary, Karen Schultz, will not be present.

**Sunnybrook Lake**  
President Bucheck said he was in contact with Doug Johnson, the appraiser hired in the Sunnybrook Lake project. He said that the appraiser will have the appraisals completed by the end of July. Candice Kraemer, Grant City Councilperson, was present to discuss a workshop for the VBWD managers and the Grant City Council to talk about the Sunnybrook Lake project. Candice said a possible date is September 6th, President Bucheck said he cannot be present on September 6th, but the other managers said they will be available. President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to contact Vice President Fetcher about the date for the workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Scheel and seconded by Borash at 9:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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**MINUTES APPROVED BY MANAGERS 07/28/05**