Minutes of Regular Meeting # 731 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, June 23, 2005

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Don Scheel, Secretary

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District; Candice Kraemer, Citizens Advisory Committee; Paul Swan, Dave Lindstrom, and Mike Manthei, Silver Lake Improvement Association

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the June 9, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS There were no additional agenda items.

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

SECRETARY=S REPORT Secretary Scheel was absent. He had the mail distributed earlier.

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

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Wolle reported that the developer of the Echo Lake Town homes has contacted her regarding the escrow deposit for the project. The developer is preparing a letter of credit and will be requesting permission from the managers to decrease the dollar amount of the surety, as the work on the project is completed. Attorney Wolle said she will have more information at the next meeting.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005 dated May 31, 2005, and the Treasurer=s Report dated June 23, 2005. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT At the last meeting, Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District Manager, explained to the managers that his District would be applying for a Metropolitan Council MetroEnvironment Partnership (MEP) Grant. At this meeting, Jay requested a letter of support from the managers for the application. After discussion, President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to draft the letter of support for his signature. Jay Riggs invited the managers to attend a workshop to be held June 30th regarding NPDES MS4 permits. The managers authorized Engineer Hanson to attend the workshop.
ENGINEER’S REPORT Silver Lake Plant Management Plan  At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed to prepare a proposal for a study of the weed problem in Silver Lake, which would include the scope and cost of a study to remedy the weed problem. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers, a memorandum dated June 17, 2005, regarding the Silver Lake Plant Management Work Plan. Three Silver Lake residents were present to again discuss the issue. These residents said they have planned a meeting to be held July 21st in North St. Paul to include the 35 homeowners on Silver Lake. President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to attempt to bring together representatives of the several agencies that would be involved in the process of getting Silver Lake clean of the exotic weeds that are harming the lake. Vice President Fetcher said the proposal prepared by Engineer Hanson seemed very good. Engineer Hanson said he will try to get the agency representatives together to discuss the issue before the July 21st meeting in North St. Paul.

Wetland Conservation Act de minimus impact: Meadow Park Culvert Extension, Oakdale  Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located north of the intersection of Helmo Avenue and Upper 24th Street North, in the south-central portion of Meadow Park in the NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The City of Oakdale is proposing to extend a culvert, which will result in a small amount of wetland fill within Meadow Park. The plans show that the construction and maintenance of the culvert extension will result in a total 190 square feet of wetland fill, which is less than the allowable WCA de minimus amount of 400 square feet.

Since the VBWD is the Local Government Unit responsible for administering the Wetland Conservation Act, it is necessary for the VBWD to approve the wetland impacts, even though the City of Oakdale has the authority over stormwater management permitting. After discussion, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Borash to approve Permit No. 2005-10, Meadow Park Culvert Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MANAGERS= REPORT Sunnybrook Lake Road Raising in City of Grant  Candice Kraemer, Grant City Councilperson, was present to discuss with the managers the Grant Council’s intentions regarding raising the roads in the City of Grant. Candice informed the managers that the Council has not made a decision to begin the project to raise the roads, but the $60,000 remains in the Grant City’s budget for that purpose.

Appraisal of Sunnybrook Lake Area for Easements  Candice Kraemer said she hasn’t been contacted yet by the appraiser concerning the easement on her property for the Sunnybrook Lake project. She is aware that the appraiser has met with some of the other landowners. The managers agreed that the project should be started this year, and that the easements are essential for the project to be in place.

Engineer Hanson had information concerning culverts for the Sunnybrook Lake project, and discussed it with the managers.

ENGINEER’S REPORT (Cont.) Raleigh Creek - Update  Engineer Hanson had mailed information on the meeting held on June 13th with Secretary Scheel, Barr staff, engineers from the Cities of Oakdale and Lake Elmo, Jay Riggs, District Manager of the Washington Conservation District, and engineers representing Washington County, to discuss possible erosion stabilization projects for Raleigh Creek. Recommendations will be made by the County engineers and Jay Riggs, before July 4th after reviewing the information from the meeting.

Project 1007 Maintenance - Update  Engineer Hanson had mailed information to the managers on the progress of the Project 1007 maintenance. He reported that the lakes are too high to repair the stoplogs, but it will be done when the water levels are low enough. Progress is being made on the removal of cattails from the channel between Horseshoe Lake and the West Lakeland Storage Site, also in replacing the sign at the Eagle Point Lake dam.
MANAGERS= REPORT (Cont.) Next Meeting - July 14, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on July 14, 2005. Vice President Fetcher will not be present.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Scheel and seconded by Borash at 8:38 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