Minutes of Regular Meeting # 730 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, June 9, 2005

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: None

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District; Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Paul Anderson, Mike Manthei, and Barbara Swan, Silver Lake Improvement Association

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Engineer, was Menard's Oakdale.

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 on his activities since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT At the last meeting, Attorney Marshall reported that the developer of the Target store in Oakdale has been in contact with him concerning their Letter of Credit for the project. The developer is requesting permission from the managers to place a clause in the Letter of Credit that would reduce the dollar amount of the Letter of Credit, as the work on the project is completed. At this meeting, Attorney Marshall said he has reviewed the Letter of Credit, and approved it as to form. He presented the Amendment to the Letter of Credit for President Bucheck's signature. President Bucheck signed the document.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report will be made at the second meeting of the month.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District Manager, reported to the managers that there are small grants available to landowners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. He also reported that the Washington Conservation District will be applying for a Metropolitan Council MetroEnvironment Partnership (MEP) grant to implement goals developed by the St.
Croix River Basin planning team. Jay said that he will attend a future meeting to ask for the managers’ support in the grant application.

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

Silver Lake in North St. Paul Three residents living on Silver Lake in North St. Paul were present to discuss the weed problem in Silver Lake. Mike Manthei, spokesman for the group, said the Curly Leaf Pondweed is a major problem. He said they have formed a Lake Improvement Association among the residents on the lake. The Association would like to work with the VBWD in getting Silver Lake cleaned up, and asked for the managers’ assistance in moving the procedure along, and also for financial assistance, if possible. President Bucheck said having a citizen group to help put the plan in action is very helpful.

After much discussion, President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to prepare a proposal to include the scope and cost of a study. Engineer Hanson said he would develop a work plan to discuss at the next meeting. President Bucheck asked the residents to attend the managers’ next meeting on June 23rd.

ENGINEER’S REPORT WATER CONSORTIUM ITEMS - County Fair Engineer Hanson said the Watershed District booth at the Washington County Fair will likely be similar to last year’s. He told the managers that they could go to the VBWD web site to sign up to volunteer during the Fair, August 3-7, if they can.

Tax Comparison Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a chart showing 2005 Watershed District Gross Tax Comparisons. The managers viewed and discussed the information.

Updates Engineer Hanson reported to the managers the following: A. Raleigh Creek Engineer Hanson reported that representatives of Oakdale, Washington County, Lake Elmo, and Washington Conservation District will meet with Barr staff and Secretary Scheel to visit the erosion sites on Raleigh Creek and discuss the stabilization recommendations and how to move forward. B. Valley Creek A survey has been completed of Valley Creek, generally between Putnam Boulevard and CSAH 18 (Old Hwy. 95); Concept plans are being developed for stabilizing the area, and will be working with the MnDNR. C. Silver Lake Bioretention Site A cap has been installed on the drain tile to increase the residence time of the water entering the basin and get more water quality treatment. There has not been a significant rainstorm to test the system since the installation. The City of North St. Paul will weed the basin. D. Stormwater Pond Inventory A work plan has been developed for the stormwater pond inventory, and ponds have been surveyed. Data is now being evaluated to determine if maintenance is needed. The goal is to have letter report to the managers by October 31st. E. Project 1007 Maintenance It is planned to plug the leaks in the stoplogs next week, depending on the weather. More information regarding the contractor cost estimates may be available at next managers’ meeting. F. Sunnybrook Lake Information on soil borings, road surveys, and the approximate easement extents has been given to the City of Grant’s engineer. Wetland information has been sent to the TEP for their advice. More wetland information will be prepared for the TEP. Maps showing potential easements on the Rogalla land were sent to the appraiser and President Bucheck. G. 2004 Lake Water Quality Results Engineer Hanson had mailed a memorandum regarding the results of the 2004 lake water quality monitoring. The managers discussed the information contained in the memorandum.

Menard’s in Oakdale Engineer Hanson reported the Menard’s store located in Oakdale will be torn down and a new, larger store built on the property. He said less than 300 feet of wetland will be affected, and the permit is in conformance with the Wetland Conservation Act. Engineer Hanson said there will be documents coming for the managers’ approval, and President Bucheck’s signature. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Borash to forward the proper paperwork to President Bucheck for his signature when it becomes available. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - June 23, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on June 23, 2005. President Bucheck and Secretary Scheel may 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 Manageres 06/23/05