Minutes of Regular Meeting # 725 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, March 24, 2005

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Duane Johnson, Manager

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Olson (MFRA) and Jarod Olson (Ryan), Gander Mountain Permit Request; Tony Sampair, Jim Surly and Janet Anderson, Echo Lake Town Homes Permit Request

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 March 10, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Engineer Reports was: Water Quality Monitoring.

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 not been much activity since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Wolle provided President Bucheck with the contracts between VBWD and the Washington Conservation District for technical assistance in 2005. Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel authorizing President Bucheck to sign the contract between VBWD and the Washington Conservation District for technical assistance. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005 dated February 28, 2005, and the Treasurer=s Report dated February 24, 2005. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Permit Request: Gander Mountain - Permit 2005-06 Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request for a project located northeast of Hudson Road and Lakeview Drive (directly east of the future WallMart), Woodbury, in the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to construct a 67,000 square foot (s.f.) building and 338 parking stalls for a Gander Mountain, a 5,000 s.f. bank/office building with 34 parking stalls, a 6,500 s.f. restaurant/retail building with 64 parking stalls, and a 8,400 s.f. restaurant/retail building with 66 parking stalls, an access drive from Hudson
Road, widening Hudson Road, several thousand feet of storm sewer, two storm water ponds, and two infiltration basins on the 20-acre site.

The entire site is within the Rest Area Pond watershed. The northern 5.3 acres of the site drain north into the Interstate 94 storm sewer system. The western 7.3 acres of the site drain to a 1.3-acre wetland near the center of the site. This wetland overflows to the east into a 0.5-acre wetland near the east-central portion of the site. About 7.1 acres of the eastern and southern portions of the site drain directly to this smaller on-site wetland. This wetland overflows to the east into a large DNR-protected wetland, which overflows to the north into the Interstate 94 storm sewer system.

After discussion of the wetland management concerns, the water management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve Permit # 2005-06 with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Echo Lake Town homes, Mahtomedi Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request located northwest of Long Lake Road and Dunbar Way (Lot 1 of Northeast Metro Business Park), Mahtomedi, in the SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 30 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to construct three buildings for 13 Town homes, one stormwater management pond, and a wetland replacement site for wetland areas being filled because of the project.

The proposed project is on Lot 1 of the Northeast Metro Business Park, which received a VBWD permit in 1995. Development of this lot is complicated, since there are several wetlands, a mitigated wetland area, and claimed incidental wetland areas on the site. The site is downstream of Echo Lake; runoff from the site ultimately drains to Weber Pond.

Two residents in the area, Janet Anderson and Jim Surly, were present in opposition of the permit, and asked the managers not to approve the permit. The residents said they think the development is too dense, and they would like the development to be further from the northwest wetland than is planned. President Buchek explained that the development has already been approved by the City of Mahtomedi, and the managers’ decision is based on the Technical Evaluation Panel’s recommendation, which has recommended approval of the development, with certain changes and additions.

Tony Sampair, representing the developer, was also present. He discussed the development with the managers, and answered questions of the residents. After much discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve Permit # 2005-05 with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Management Plan Engineer Hanson had mailed a memorandum addressed to the managers, from Karen Chandler, regarding the Draft Plan Update. In the memorandum the managers are asked to schedule a public hearing to be held after 60-day review period for the draft Plan ends. The managers will also need to select a meeting date to discuss comments and responses to comments, and the last thing needed is to revise the draft Plan and submit it for a second review. After discussion, the managers agreed to hold the public hearing on April 28th and to hold the workshop on April 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Lake Elmo City Hall Council Chambers.

Permit Request: T.H. 120 Bituminous Mill and Overlay Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request located between I-94 and T.H. 244, Oakdale, North St. Paul, White Bear Lake, Maplewood, and Mahtomedi in portions of several sections in Township 29 North and Township 30 North on the Range 21 West and Range 22 West line. The purpose of the project is to replace the pavement on T.H. 120, which includes replacing an existing culvert near Century College.
After discussion of the drainage patterns, water management, and wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2005-08 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Fetcher directed Engineer Hanson to contact MnDot to discuss the feasibility of diverting runoff from the road to the east instead of the west near Silver Lake. He said there is not much of a buffer adjacent to the lake to provide water quality treatment. Engineer Hanson said he will contact MnDot.

Water Quality Monitoring Engineer Hanson said he has not been able to get volunteers to monitor DeMontreville, Olson, and Eagle Point Lakes. He said that the Washington Conservation District will monitor each lake twice a month for a cost of $2,021 per lake. If the managers want the lakes monitored once a month, the cost would be half.

After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher that VBWD will contract with the Washington Conservation District to monitor Lakes Olson and DeMontreville once a month for a total cost of $2021. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - April 14, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on April 14th. President Bucheck said he will be absent on April 14th.

Sunnybrook Lake Engineer Hanson said he had a meeting with the new owner of the Drusch property, William Bonta, about the Sunnybrook Lake project. Mr. Bonta said he was unaware of the Sunnybrook Lake flooding problem, and called President Bucheck after the meeting with Engineer Hanson. President Bucheck said he has scheduled a meeting with Mrs. Bonta.

2004 Annual Report Draft and Goals for 2005 Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary said she will have the 2004 Annual Report draft prepared soon. She asked about the Goals for 2005. President Bucheck said he will meet with Engineer Hanson to prepare the goals.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 04/14/05