Minutes of Regular Meeting # 728 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 12, 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; Barb Wolle, Attorney; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District

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 April 28, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Engineer, was A Silver Lake @; and under Managers, was A Annual Financial Report @.

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 reported on his activities since the last meeting.

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

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT Jay Riggs, the new Washington Conservation District Manager, introduced himself to the managers.

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

ENGINEER=S REPORT Project 1007 Maintenance Engineer Hanson had mailed information to the managers on the Project 1007 and Olson Lake Estates Pond Outlet Project Inspections. At this meeting the managers discussed the recommendations made by Engineer Hanson for repairs needed. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact a contractor about making repairs to the stoplogs at Structure 3, also the Lake Elmo outlet, and also Structure 6 (the primary Eagle Point Lake outlet); hire a contractor to clean the ditch at Structure 3 (Horseshoe Lake) and get the landowner to supervise; get cost estimates to clean the sedimentation from West Lakeland Storage Site to Manhole 2B; contact the maintenance personnel at Tartan Park concerning the channel through the 3M Tartan Park archery range. The display sign near the Eagle Point Lake outlet has been destroyed; the managers directed Engineer Hanson to get an estimate of the cost to build a new sign.
Draft Letter to Mr. Troy Axelson At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed to draft a letter to Mr. Troy Axelson concerning runoff to his property that he claims is caused by the Wildridge Pines 3rd Addition project. At this meeting the managers approved the draft letter presented by Engineer Hanson, and directed him to send the letter with President Bucheck’s signature.

VALLEY CREEK EROSION STABILIZATION PROJECTS - UPDATE Engineer Hanson updated the managers on the Valley Creek Erosion Stabilization Projects in a memorandum dated May 4, 2005. An EPA 319 Grant was submitted and awarded to the VBWD for an additional $150,000, but Engineer Hanson recommended that the managers wait until notification of the grant being funded, before preparation of the draft Work Plan. The managers agreed with this.

Engineer Hanson and Secretary Scheel summarized a meeting they and DNR representative had with Mr. Tom Johnson. Mr. Johnson owns land along Valley Creek where the creek has downcut 3-8 feet and is eroding the creek banks. This reach of the creek was listed as a high priority site for stabilization in the recently-completed Valley Creek erosion inventory report. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to survey the creek between CSAH 18 and Putnam Boulevard, develop concept stabilization measures, and report back to the managers.

Washington County Fair Engineer Hanson informed the managers that the Washington County Fair will be held August 3rd through 7th, 2005. He said that Amanda Goebel of Washington County, will organize the booth this year. The cost of the booth is $420 and insurance will cost $131. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fetcher to pay $420 for the booth and $131 for the necessary insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Washington County Water Consortium Tour Engineer Hanson told the managers that Amanda Goebel of Washington County, is asking the managers to choose a project site in the District for the Washington County Water Consortium to visit on its tour to be held in September. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to inform Amanda Goebel that they will participate, and will decide on a project site at a later date.

Raleigh Creek Erosion Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum dated May 5, 2005, from Barr Engineering employees Tom MacDonald and Jeff Weiss. In the memorandum was a recommendation to implement measures to solve the erosion problems on the South Fork and the North Fork of Raleigh Creek. At a meeting of VBWD, Washington County, the Cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale on March 8, 2005, a recommendation for the South Fork was agreed upon. The May 5, 2005 memorandum summarized the findings of the North Fork study. The erosion-reduction recommendations for the North Fork fit into the recommendations for the South Fork. The managers agreed that after Washington County has reviewed the recommendations for the North Fork, they will meet for discussion. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to forward the memorandum to the City of Oakdale and the City of Lake Elmo.

Silver Lake Vice President Fetcher reported that several residents around Silver Lake have formed a Lake Improvement Association, with the idea of looking at ways to improve the lake. He said at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 14th of May, the group plans to rake leaves out of the south end of Silver Lake. The City of North St. Paul will pick up the leaves. Vice President Fetcher said the group will be trying to apply for Grant money.

MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - May 26, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on May 12, 2005. Vice President Fetcher and Treasurer Dale Borash said they may not be in attendance.

Sunnybrook Lake President Bucheck and Engineer Hanson discussed the contacts they have made with residents in the Sunnybrook Lake area. President Bucheck said he would make contacts with the few remaining residents with whom he has not yet discussed the proposed project.

2004 Annual Report Draft The managers and staff made their changes and corrections to the draft 2004 Annual Report and directed the Recording Secretary to make a final draft.
Annual Financial Report Treasurer Borash had distributed copies of the draft financial report at the last meeting for the managers to review. At this meeting the managers made corrections and directed Treasurer Borash to contact the District’s auditor with the information.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Donald Scheel

Donald Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 05/26/05