Minutes of Regular Meeting # 734 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, August 11, 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; Ray Marshall, Attorney; Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary;

STAFF ABSENT: Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District; Doug Johnson, Appraiser, Sunnybrook Lake Easements

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 July 28, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Lincoln to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Items added to the agenda: Under Managers: Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan; Washington County Ground Water Rule; Managers= Per Diem.

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 was absent; Engineer Hanson delivered Inspector Roemmich=s report on his activity since the last meeting.

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

TREASURER=S REPORT The Treasurer=s report was given during the managers= discussion of the 2006 Budget. (See below).

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Jay Riggs, District Manager of the Washington Conservation District (WCD), discussed the amendment to the DNR general permit that the WCD has requested. He asked the managers if they would like to add a condition to their motion that they had approved at the last meeting. The condition would be to require a DNR permit for any project initiated on Valley Creek, except for VBWD-initiated projects. The managers discussed the issue, and decided that a DNR permit should be required on all projects initiated on Valley Creek, and that a condition will not be added to the managers= motion of July 28, 2005.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Lake Elmo Water Levels At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed by the managers to put together information for the managers to consider in a response to the property owners on Lake Elmo who spoke to the managers at that meeting about the low lake level and their difficulty in accessing the lake. At this meeting, Engineer Hanson reviewed a memorandum he had sent to the managers regarding the
Lake Elmo Water Levels. In the memorandum, Engineer Hanson described the facts that he had found in the study of Lake Elmo. He said another staff gage had been placed at the north end of the lake. In the memorandum, Engineer Hanson explained a dredging feasibility. It may be possible to dredge a channel for navigation purposes, but the cost is unknown. The managers agreed that if a channel is dredged, the cost should not be paid by VBWD. The managers also agreed that any lake level change could cause problems all around the lake. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to draft a letter to the property owners for the managers’ review.

At 8:10 p.m. motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to close the regular meeting so that the managers could hold an Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:07 p.m. motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS' REPORT Report on Meeting with City of Grant Vice President Fetcher discussed his recent meeting with the Grant City Council. He said the Council did not give him any assurance that they would raise the roads in the City of Grant for the Sunnybrook Lake project.

After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to send a letter to the Grant City Council, asking for a resolution that they will commit to the raising of the roads in the City of Grant, and to ask for the response by the middle of September. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoice from Doug Johnson, Appraiser President Bucheck said he had received an invoice from Appraiser Doug Johnson, for $11,250. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve the payment of $11,250 to Appraiser Doug Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - August 25, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on August 25, 2005. President Bucheck and Vice President Fetcher will not be present.

VBWD 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan Engineer Hanson had distributed a memorandum to the managers regarding the suggested revisions to the draft VBWD Plan for the 90-day review. President Bucheck discussed a meeting that he and Secretary Scheel, Engineer Hanson, and Karen Chandler had with Steve Woods and Les Lemm of the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The managers discussed the outcome of the meeting and suggested revisions in the memorandum. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to make the suggested revisions to the VBWD 2005-2015 Watershed District Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver Lake Engineer Hanson and Secretary Scheel reported on their meeting in North St. Paul on August 10th, regarding Silver Lake. Also in attendance were representatives of the MnDNR, the Silver Lake Improvement Association, and nearby residents. The distribution of a questionnaire concerning the Silver Lake aquatic plants was discussed at the meeting. Engineer Hanson said there was no decision made on the distribution. The managers discussed options.

2006 Budget Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative & Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005 dated August 3, 2005, and the draft VBWD Study/Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 dated August 3, 2005. The managers discussed the contents of the draft budget and decided the Hearing on the Study/Project Budget will be held September 8, 2005, at 8:00 p.m.

Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan President Bucheck brought the managers up-to-date on the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lake Elmo.
Washington County Ground Water Rules President Bucheck said there will be a meeting on August 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the ground water rules in Washington County. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to attend the meeting.

Managers' Per Diem Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to increase the managers' per diem rate to $75, effective September 1, 2005, as per the 2005 State Legislative session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 10:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

Don Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 08/25/05