Minutes of Regular Meeting # 735 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, August 25, 2005

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Dave Bucheck, President

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Candice Kraemer, Sharon Schwarze, Grant City Councilpersons; Terry Bouthilet, Lake Elmo Resident

CALL TO ORDER Vice President Fetcher 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 August 11, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel 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 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 activity since the last meeting.

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

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005 dated July 31, 2005, and the Treasurer=s Report dated August 25, 2005. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Borash informed the managers that several of the District-owned Certificates of Deposit had matured, and motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to renew the Certificates of Deposit at the current rate. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Jay Riggs, District Manager of the Washington Conservation District (WCD), did not attend the meeting. He had asked Engineer Hanson to make a request of the managers to consider adding him to the mailing list to receive the same mailing that the managers get from the engineer and the recording secretary for each meeting. After consideration, the managers agreed that the items mailed to the managers for the upcoming meeting, should go only to the managers. Vice President Fetcher directed Engineer Hanson to inform Jay Riggs that he may discuss this issue with the managers.
ENGINEER’S REPORT Lake Elmo Water Levels At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed by the managers to draft a letter to the property owners on Lake Elmo who had discussed with the managers the low lake level and their difficulty in accessing the lake. At this meeting, the managers approved the draft letter that Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers. Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to approve the letter with minor changes, and that Engineer Hanson should mail the letter to James L. Moline, spokesman for the Lake Elmo residents living on Lake Elmo. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Bouthilet was present to discuss with the managers the ordinary high water level of Lake Elmo. After discussion, Engineer Hanson and Attorney Barb Woll were directed to contact the DNR about the issue.

Permit Revision Request: Bibeau’s Landing, Mahtomedi Engineer Hanson presented information to the managers regarding a permit approved by the managers in 2003, with amendments to the permit approved in 2003 and 2004. The current request is to fill a low area at the southeast side of a DNR-protected wetland that straddles Lot 3 and Lot 4. The proposal will also enlarge the wetland replacement site that has been proposed on the north side of the DNR-protected wetland within Lot 3. Engineer Hanson recommended that the managers approve the proposed plan revision with all of the previously approved permit conditions. After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson, to approve Permit # 2004-04, as recommended by the District=s engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MANAGERS= REPORT Sunnybrook Lake Engineer Hanson reported that he had sent the letter to the Grant City Council, regarding the road raising issue, as directed by the managers at the last meeting.

Candice Kraemer and Sharon Schwarze, both Grant City Councilpersons, were present for the discussion on Sunnybrook Lake. Sharon Schwarze said that the money for the raising of the roads in the City of Grant is still in the budget. Vice President Fetcher said the managers would appreciate it if the issue could be voted on by the Grant City Council at their next meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT (Cont.) Silver Lake Aquatic Plants Engineer Hanson reported that questionnaires concerning the future of Silver Lake in North St. Paul will be available for the public at the North St. Paul City Hall, Oakdale City Hall, and the City of Maplewood=s Public Works Building. The questionnaire will also be posted to the VBWD website. The questionnaire should be completed by October 10, 2005. The cities will enclose information about the questionnaire in the monthly utility bill or newsletter that goes to area residents.

VBWD 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan Engineer Hanson had distributed a memorandum addressed to the managers from Karen Chandler at Barr Engineering, regarding the revisions to the watershed management plan. After Engineer Hanson explained the items in the memorandum and after the managers=s discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the suggested revisions to the draft 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan for the 90-day review. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT (Cont.) Next Meeting - September 8, 2005 The managers expect a quorum to be present on September 8, 2005. President Bucheck will not be present.

2006 Budget The public hearing on the 2006 budget will be held at the next meeting, September 8, 2005, at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Scheel and seconded by Borash at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 09/08/05