Minutes of Regular Meeting # 749 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, April 27, 2006

MANAGERS PRESENT: Lincoln Fetcher, President; Dave Bucheck, 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; and Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hinseth, City of Grant Watershed Liaison; Paul Danielson, Rockpoint Church Permit; Jim Almendinger, St. Croix Watershed Research Station; Don and Greg Moris, Tapestry at Charlotte's Grove Permit

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher 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 April 13, 2006 meeting, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Managers, was AMAWD Summer Tour @.

PUBLIC FORUM Brad Hinseth, City of Grant Watershed Liaison, was present to introduce himself to the managers. The managers welcomed him and invited him to attend all VBWD meetings.

SECRETARY=S REPORT Secretary Scheel reported that the mail has been distributed.

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on inspections he has made since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Wolle said there was nothing new to report.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2006 dated 3/31/2006, and the Treasurer=s Report dated April 27, 2006. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

WATERSHED OUTLET MONITORING PROGRAM (WOMP) Jim Almendinger, Senior Scientist with the St. Croix Watershed Research Station, was present to update the managers on the budget for operating the monitoring stations on Valley Creek. The VBWD share of the cost for the monitoring program is $27,000 for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006. Mr. Almendinger requested from the managers a letter of agreement that payment will be provided by VBWD, according to the managers=Resolution made previously. The managers directed Attorney Wolle to write the letter of agreement to be placed in the file with the Resolution.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Permit Request: Rockpoint Church/Hidden Meadows of Lake Elmo Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request for a project located southeast of Keats Avenue and Highway 36, in Lake Elmo in the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.
The purpose of the project is to revise the plans of the previously approved Deer Glen residential subdivision and rename it Hidden Meadows of Lake Elmo. The new subdivision plans include 25 single-family residential lots (adding seven lots more than the previous plans), a different road and trail layout (lengthening the roads and trails and adding more impervious surfaces), storm sewer, and three stormwater ponds.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash, to approve Permit # 2006-09 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions, and the deletion of Conditions 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the suggested site-specific conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Revision Request: Tapestry at Charlotte=s Grove, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit revision request for a project located southeast of Julep Avenue North and 45th Street North, Lake Elmo, in the southeast quarter of Section 10 and west half of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to revise the drainage patterns on the west side of the site. After discussion of the water management concerns, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bucheck, to give a temporary conditional permit to redirect the drainage directly to the wetland until the berms can be constructed properly to solve the flooding problem. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Mahtomedi Watermain and Street Improvements** Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request for a project located on the northeast corner of the existing campus on the east side of Century Avenue, Mahtomedi in the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 30 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to construct a watermain and restore streets.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit # 2006-10 with the engineer=s standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Silver Lake Outlet and Bioretention Berm Update** Engineer Hanson reported that the contractor has not yet started the work of repairing the damage to the Silver Lake Bioretention site, but that depending on the weather, the work will be started within a few days.

President Fetcher reported that since the last meeting, he has noticed that the bioretention site at Silver Lake has been driven over with a machine with large tires, perhaps in attempting to repair the damage. It is not known who is responsible. President Fetcher also received a report of crumbling concrete at the Silver Lake outlet, but did not see the problem when he visited it. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact the City of North St. Paul to see if the City is responsible for either activity, and to contact Ramsey County to see if they are involved with maintenance of the lake=s outlet.

**Incentive Programs** As directed at the last meeting, Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers the final version of the A2006 Best Management Practices Cost Share Program Summary and Guidance@, by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. After reviewing the program, the managers agreed that the program was more involved than they would like for VBWD. President Bucheck said he will try to write a program that will suit VBWD, using the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) program as a basis.

**30th Street South and Trading Post Trail South Erosion Update** At the last meeting, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to get a cost estimate for the stabilization of Trading Post Trail, and to make a formal request to the City of Afton to partner with VBWD to develop a proper drainage solution for Trading Post Trail South and 30th Street South in the project to pave roads in the City of Afton. At this meeting Engineer Hanson reported that he has talked with the City of Afton Engineer about the project, and that Trading Post Trail might not be paved now, due to insufficient funds. However, a Barr engineer had visited the site and
determined that the culvert the City had planned to replace, isn’t contributing that much sediment to the ravine. Instead, another culvert adjacent to the road appears to be the main culvert at the intersection that is contributing sediment to the ravine. Repairing this culvert would not involve digging up the road, so if the City paves the road, fixing the culvert at a later time would not destroy new pavement.

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

**Erosion of Tom Johnson Property on Valley Creek** Secretary Scheel said he has talked with Tom Johnson about the erosion on his property on Valley Creek. Mr. Johnson told Secretary Scheel that he plans to meet with MnDNR personnel to discuss an option to repair the erosion on his property.

Treasurer Borash suggested that the erosion of the Johnson property on Valley Creek may be causing problems at Putnam Blvd.

**MANAGERS’ REPORT Next Meeting - May 11, 2006** The managers do not expect to have a quorum present at the next meeting. Without a quorum, the managers agreed to cancel the May 11, 2006 meeting. The Recording Secretary will have a notice of meeting cancellation placed in the Ramsey County Review and the Oakdale-Lake Elmo Review.

**Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management** In discussion of possibly getting a Grant from the State of Minnesota for conducting a survey of the aquatic plants in Silver Lake, President Fetcher said that it is necessary to get two bids for the job. Barr Engineering has already provided a bid for the survey as part of monitoring the Silver Lake watershed. **Motion** was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash that President Fetcher will ask Dr. Mike Manthei to get a bid from Aquatic Engineering Company for the aquatic plant treatment in Silver Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAWD Summer Tour** **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck that any manager attending the MAWD Summer Tour on June 22-24, 2006, will be reimbursed for expenses and registration. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** **Motion** made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck at 10:17 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

Don Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 05/25/06