Minutes of Regular Meeting # 745 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, February 23, 2006

MANAGERS PRESENT: Lincoln Fetcher, President; Dave Bucheck, Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; Duane Johnson, Manager

MANAGERS ABSENT: Don Scheel, Secretary

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Mike Manthei and Dave Liukonen, Silver Lake Improvement Association

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda was Approval of Watershed District Educator Contract @.

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

SECRETARY=S REPORT Secretary Scheel has been out of town. Engineer Hanson picked up and distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich said that there is no activity to report.

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

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budget and the Treasurer=s Report dated February 23, 2006. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management Dr. Manthei and Dave Liukonen were present to discuss the draft of the vegetation management plan. Engineer Hanson summarized the recommended 2006 Silver Lake watershed monitoring plan for the group. Dr. Manthei questioned the type of monitoring that will be done and the cost of the monitoring.

President Fetcher directed Engineer Hanson to contact Wendy Crowell at MnDNR regarding potential grant for aquatic plant monitoring.

Dr. Manthei asked if someone representing the Silver Lake Lakeshore Owners Association should be present at all VBWD meetings. Vice President Bucheck suggested that it would be important to attend these meetings, and also meetings of other agencies, to stay informed.
At 8:00 p.m. President Fetcher recessed the meeting to conduct the MS4 public hearing.

2005 MS4 Annual Hearing At 8:00 p.m. President Fetcher opened the public hearing on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and called for comments from the public. Hearing none, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve the MS4 Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:05 p.m. motion was made by Bucharck and seconded by Borash to close the public hearing on the MS4 Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:06 p.m. President Fetcher called the meeting back to order.

Engineer’s Report Permit Request - CSAH 18 Bridge Replacement, Afton Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request for a project located approximately 0.3 miles north of the CSAH 21 - CSAH 18 junction, Afton, in the Southwest Quarter, Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing, structurally deficient bridge with new bridge and improve a substandard approach alignment that will meet current design standards.

After discussion of the water management concerns, the wetland management concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck, to approve Permit # 2006-01, with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

2005 Habitat Monitoring Report Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft copy of the 2005 Habitat Monitoring of Water Bodies in the VBWD. In reviewing the report, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to schedule a Barr Engineering biologist to attend a future meeting to present details of the study and the report.

2006 Citizen-Assisted Lake Monitoring Program (CAMP) Engineer Hanson had mailed a list of the volunteers and contacts for the 2006 monitoring program. Some of the volunteers had not yet committed to assist in the monitoring. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact those who have not committed, in the next two weeks.

Rules and Regulations Update/Revision Engineer Hanson and the managers had discussed most of the revisions to the rules at the last meeting, and at this meeting they discussed the remaining revisions.

FEMA Flood Level Mapping of Landlocked Basins Engineer Hanson had mailed a memorandum to the managers addressing FEMA’s Review Comments of the Landlocked Basins Analysis. In the memorandum, Engineer Hanson identified two options that the managers have. One option is not to respond to FEMA’s comments, which would mean that without the FEMA data, residents in unnumbered A Zones will need to provide flood insurance if the homeowner purchases and/or refinances the home.

The other option is to respond to FEMA’s comments, which would mean that the areas that are currently unmapped or mapped without a listed flood elevation, will be remapped with a listed flood level. This would allow financial institutions and property owners to use the elevation data to determine if flood insurance is required without having to apply for a letter of map change. The cost for VBWD could be approximately $9,400, to fully address FEMA’s first round of comments.

After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to approve the managers’ response to FEMA’s comments, to finish up the study of landlocked basin analysis. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Hanson said it is necessary to respond by mid-March 2006.
MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - March 9, 2006 The managers expect to have a quorum present at the next meeting. Treasurer Borash said he may not be present.

2006 Work Plan and Goals Engineer Hanson had reorganized the 2006 VBWD Goals, as directed by the managers at the last meeting. The managers made a few changes to the goals, and approved them.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck at 9:57 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 03/23/06