Minutes of Regular Meeting # 755 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, July 27, 2006

MANAGERS PRESENT: Lincoln Fetcher, President; Dave Bucheck, Vice President; Don Scheel, Secretary; Dale Borash, Treasurer

MANAGERS ABSENT: Duane Johnson, Manager

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District; Angie Hong, Watershed District Educator; Paul Anderson, Silver Lake Lakeshore Owners Association; Greg Moris and Donald Moris, Tapestry at Lake Elmo; Gustave Thill, Artisan, West Lakeland Township

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Managers: 2007 Budget; under Engineer: Washington County Presentation to the City of Afton.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in the Public Forum segment of the meeting.

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

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on his activities since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT As directed by the managers at the last meeting, a draft copy of the Agreement between Glenn Rehbein Companies and VBWD for safety concerns and erosion concerns to allow Rehbein Companies to pump water into the Wildflower Shores wetlands on a one-time basis if there is water available to do so, to fill the wetlands per their filling proposal dated July 7, 2006, was made available to the managers. President Fetcher directed Attorney Marshall to make certain changes in wording on Line 17 and Line 27 of the Agreement.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2006 dated 6/30/2006, and the Treasurer’s Report dated July 27, 2006. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Jay Riggs introduced Angie Hong, the newly hired Watershed District Educator. Angie said she has been busy getting things ready for the Washington County Fair. She said she hopes to see all the managers at the fair.
Jay Riggs reported that on August 15th there will be the first meeting in a series of meetings with the Washington Water Education Team. Jay also reported that the land cover mapping project is moving along very well.

Jay invited the managers to participate in discussions with Washington County Parks personnel, and the Washington Conservation District, regarding the design of new office space for the Washington Conservation District. He said other watershed district managers will also be invited to participate in the discussions, because it could be possible that the new space could house watershed district meeting rooms, watershed district administrators, etc.

President Fetcher commented that the managers should continue discussions of hiring an administrator for the VBWD, as well as participating in the discussions of new office space design, as suggested by Jay Riggs.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT Permit Revision Request: Minimum Floor Elevation Change, Tapestry, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located southeast of Julep Avenue North and 45th Street North, Lake Elmo, in the southeast quarter of Section 10 and the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to lower a minimum floor elevation.

After discussion of the water management concerns, **motion** was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the lowering of a minimum floor elevation in Permit # 2004-26. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Artisan, West Lakeland Township** **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to table the discussion of Permit # 2006-20, because the permit fee had not been submitted and because the engineer had not received the information in time to thoroughly review the permit request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Swenson Estate, Afton** Engineer Hanson presented information on a permit request for a project located at 14174 - 15th Street South, directly north of 15th Street South and east of Oakgreen Avenue South, Afton, in part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 28 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to subdivide 17.12 acres into three lots for the eventual construction of two new homes, and construct 660-foot long access road with Cul-de-sac and stormwater pond system.

**Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to table the discussion of Permit, # 2006-18, because the applicant has not submitted the required erosion control plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Dvorek Filling and Grading, Grant** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located at 6911 Jamaca Avenue North, Grant, in part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to fill and grade slope.

After discussion of the water management concerns, and the wetland management concerns, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2006-21 with the engineer=s suggested site specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Lacher Fill in Lake Elmo Floodplain, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located at 2337 Lake Elmo Avenue North, Lake Elmo, in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to install riprap at shoreline and a patio below the 100-year flood level of Lake Elmo.
After discussion of the water management concerns, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2006-22 with the engineer=s suggested site specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Permit Request: Gott Pond Excavation, Cloverdale Farms, Baytown Township** Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located at 4643 (and 4653) McDonald Drive North, Baytown Township, in the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 29 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to excavate existing pond.

After discussion of the drainage patterns and water management concerns, the wetland concerns, and the erosion control concerns, motion was made by Buchek and seconded by Borash to approve Permit # 2006-23 with the engineer=s suggested site specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update: Park Meadows, Lake Elmo** At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed by the managers to contact the developer of Park Meadows by letter, informing him that the holding pond is not functioning as designed, that corrective actions are needed, and to accomplish these actions by July 31, 2006. Engineer Hanson informed the managers that the developers= engineer had contacted him, but no modifications have been made by the Park Meadows developer at this time. Attorney Marshall said more information is needed about the project before any other action is taken by the managers. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to report to them at the next meeting with any new information.

**Update: Washington County Fairgrounds, Baytown Township** As directed at the last meeting, Engineer Hanson sent a letter to the Agriculture Society on July 7th regarding grading that is inconsistent with the approved plans around Exhibit Building D at the Washington County Fairgrounds. At this meeting, Inspector Roemmich reported that the area does not look good. President Fetcher directed Engineer Hanson and Inspector Roemmich to stay in touch with the Agriculture Society and report to the managers, at the next meeting.

**Draft Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District and South Washington Watershed District Management Plans** As directed at the last meeting, Engineer Hanson drafted a letter to the Ramsey-Washington Metro and the South Washington Watershed Districts, commenting on their watershed management plans. At this meeting, the managers approved the letters and directed Engineer Hanson to send the letters to the appropriate watershed districts.

**Washington County Fair** Engineer Hanson said the Washington County Fair opens August 2nd, and there are still time slots open during the weekend that the managers can volunteer to staff the watershed district booth.

**State Fair ECO Experience** At the last meeting, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to check with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) administrator regarding the request by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for contributions of money for its booth at the Minnesota State Fair. At this meeting, Engineer Hanson said that Cliff Aichinger, Administrator for RWMWD, told him that if enough watershed districts contribute, the obligation for each watershed district would be that much smaller. Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to contribute $200 to $300 to the MPCA State Fair Exhibit. Motion carried unanimously.

**Office of the Legislative Auditor Watershed District Information Request** Engineer Hanson had completed the information request and provided copies to the managers for their review. The managers approved the completed information and directed Engineer Hanson to forward it to the office of the Legislative Auditor.

**Presentation to City of Afton by Washington County** Engineer Hanson informed the managers that the City of Afton has requested that the County of Washington make a presentation on August 15th regarding the impact of Woodbury wells on Valley Creek and private wells within Afton. Amanda Goebel of Washington County
suggested that a representative of VBWD should be present during the presentation. President Fetcher said
the DNR and the City of Woodbury should also be represented. The managers asked Engineer Hanson to find
out more about the meeting and report back at the next meeting.

**Draft Rules Comments** The managers reviewed the draft rules comments that Engineer Hanson had provided.
The next step is to respond to these comments.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - August 10, 2006** The managers expect to have a quorum present at the
next meeting on August 10, 2006. Manager Johnson will be absent from the next meeting.

**2007 Budget** Treasurer Borash began a lengthy discussion of the 2007 Budget. The managers agreed that the
2007 Budget Hearing will be held September 14, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck at 10:27 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

Don Scheel, Secretary

**Minutes Approved by Managers 08/10/06**