Minutes of Regular Meeting # 744 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, February 9, 2006

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Don Scheel, Secretary and Duane Johnson, Manager

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

STAFF ABSENT: Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith and Jim Hammar, Residents of Wildflower Shores Development; Jyneen Thatcher and Andrea Wedul, Washington Conservation District

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 January 26, 2006 meeting, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Items added to the agenda: Under Engineer - Wildflower Shores.

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

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

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich was absent.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Ray Marshall said that the hearing notice for the MS4 hearing to be held February 23, 2006, has been published.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash reported that he has been informed that the annual audit is well under way.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Watershed District Educator Position Andrea Wedul said that the revised Shared Water Resource Educator Agreement for the Watershed District Educator position will be available in the next few days for legal review. President Fetcher said he had met with Jay Riggs to clarify and simplify the contract.

Minnesota Land Cover Classification System Jyneen Thatcher and Andrea Wedul were present to discuss the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS) revised funding request. At the January 12th meeting, they had informed the managers that the VBWD share of the cost of the project could be $25,000. At this meeting, Andrea distributed a memorandum to the managers dated February 9, 2006, showing the current funding breakdown by municipality. Andrea said that a few municipalities have pledged funds for the wetland inventory in their area. The managers are asked to fund the MLCCS with the remaining amount after the municipalities= funds are paid. She said more efforts will be made to get funds from other municipalities.
After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to fund the MLCCS with the Washington Conservation District in the amount of $20,000. In discussion of the motion, Vice President Bucheck added that the Washington Conservation District should encourage other municipalities to participate. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ENGINEER=’S REPORT Wildflower Shores** At the last meeting, Scott Smith discussed with the managers the concern of the homeowners’ association with the wetland project at the Wildflower Shores development. The managers had directed Attorney Wolle to search the records to see whether the homeowners at Wildflower Shores own the wetland site. At this meeting, Scott Smith and Jim Hammar, representing the homeowners’ association, were informed that the homeowners’ association is the fee owner of the wetland. The managers informed Scott Smith and Jim Hammar that the developer has two years left on the three-year time limit of the VBWD permit.

President Fetcher suggested that the homeowners communicate with the developer, informing the developer that the homeowners’ association does own the property, and to make its views known concerning the delay in the wetland completion.

**Rules and Regulations Update/Revision** Engineer Hanson and the managers discussed the revisions to the VBWD Rule Update. After reviewing more than half of the revisions, President Fetcher said because of the late hour, the managers should continue the review at the next meeting.

**MANAGERS=’ REPORT Next Meeting - February 23, 2006** The managers expect to have a quorum present at the next meeting.

**Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management** President Fetcher said that he and Engineer Hanson have developed a draft plan for the aquatic plant management of Silver Lake. It is not completed, and it will be discussed at the next Silver Lake Improvement Association meeting.

**2006 Goals** At the last meeting, President Fetcher had distributed draft copies of the 2006 VBWD Goals and Work Plan for the managers to consider. At this meeting, the managers agreed that the goals and work plan should be shortened in length, and separated. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to make the changes to the list of goals for the next meeting.

**Legislative Breakfast, March 2006 Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck that any manager attending the 2006 Legislative Breakfast will be reimbursed for expenses and registration. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 02/23/06