Minutes of Regular Meeting # 772 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, May 10, 2007

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: None

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

STAFF ABSENT: Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Mike Manthei, Silver Lake Association; Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS No additional items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM Dr. Mike Manthei of the Silver Lake Association, updated the managers on the aquatic plant treatment of Silver Lake. The treatment was done on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8th and 9th, and the cost totaled $49,077. The cost was higher than expected because the applicator had not anticipated using a granular form of 2,4-D. Dr. Manthei reported that he has raised enough money to cover the treatment costs, but is requesting $2,945 from the Valley Branch Watershed District to cover the time that it took the applicator to prepare his equipment for applying the chemicals. Dr. Manthei indicated that the applicator took more time than anticipated to calibrate his equipment to the VBWD=s data. Dr. Manthei also said that the applicator was not able to use the VBWD 2006 data because the DNR required him to use a map prepared by the DNR this spring. President Fetcher asked Engineer Hanson about the data. Engineer Hanson said the requested VBWD data had been provided to the applicator in a method proposed by the applicator, in the applicator=s requested format, and within a reasonable time frame. The managers were unsure why the applicator needed more money to use the VBWD data, when apparently the applicator was required to use the DNR data. Dr. Manthei presented a letter to President Fetcher, requesting the additional money. President Fetcher indicated that the managers will respond soon. Vice President Bucheck congratulated Dr. Manthei on raising the money and getting the aquatic plant treatment complete.

After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to provide $2,945 to Aquatic Engineering. Motion carried as follows: Borash, No; Scheel, Yes; Fetcher, abstained; Bucheck, Yes; Johnson, Yes.

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

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on his activities since the last meeting.
Attorney Marshall said he had nothing new to report.

Treasurer Borash said the Treasurer’s Report will be made at the second meeting of the month.

Washington Conservation District Jay Riggs reported on several items:

MLCCS Mr. Riggs said that the Oakdale portion of the VBWD has now been mapped, but the WCD still needs to conduct field visits of the area. The WCD has completed field investigations for approximately 10% of the VBWD land mapping coverage, but the WCD will try to complete closer to 20% coverage. The WCD will be updating areas that were mapped based on non-2005 aerial photos. The WCD had sent out a letter to all communities within the VBWD in December 2005, requesting money for the project. Some of the communities with larger areas did not respond, so the WCD re-sent letters to West Lakeland Township, Baytown Township, and the City of Oakdale in February 2006. These communities still have not agreed to help finance the project. Mr. Riggs reported that the VBWD agreed to pay $20,000 for the project, but the project costs are now approximately $26,000. If other communities do not contribute, the WCD will be requesting more money from the VBWD. Mr. Riggs also reported that the original VBWD approval did not include mapping that portion of VBWD within Ramsey County. The managers discussed options for completing this work, and then directed Engineer Hanson to investigate the options and costs.

MNRA Mr. Riggs reported that the WCD has not had time to prepare a proposal for conducting a VBWD-wide wetland function and values inventory. He indicated that the WCD should have a proposal completed and sent to the managers next week for discussion at their May 24th meeting.

East Metro Water Resources Education Program Mr. Riggs reminded the managers of Angie Hong’s summary of activities. He indicated that Ms. Hong is continuing to search for a volunteer to host a neighborhood focus meeting regarding Best Management Practices.

Erosion Control Workshop Mr. Riggs said that the WCD is planning to have a workshop soon on various erosion control materials. The workshop will likely be held on a site in southern Washington County.

MS4 Tool Kit Mr. Riggs indicated that the WCD is starting this program, which was recently awarded an MPCA grant.

Griggs Long Lake Shoreline Restoration Project Mr. Riggs updated the managers on the project, and distributed photos. Engineer Hanson presented information submitted by Pete Young of the WCD to widen the vegetative buffer on the site, as requested by the managers. Engineer Hanson showed the managers that Mr. Griggs has seeded an area upstream of the shoreline plantings with a no-mow fescue grass. With this additional seeding, the vegetative buffer will be closer to conforming to the VBWD rules. Mr. Young’s cost estimate to widen the buffer even more, is $3,000. After discussion, President Fetcher indicated that he will discuss the issue with the landowner and report back to the managers at a future meeting.

BMP Cost Share Program Vice President Bucheck and Mr. Riggs handed out Best Management Practices cost share program information. Vice President Bucheck led the managers through the information. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to accept the WCD May 3, 2007 proposal of $34,200 to administer a $50,000-$100,000 VBWD cost-share grant program for the period 2007 through the end of 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Riggs indicated that he will prepare a contract for the managers.

Engineer Hanson reported that he has been working with the Washington County Agriculture Society’s contractor on the project, but a plan is not yet complete for the managers to discuss.
**Valley Creek Dam** Engineer Hanson had mailed a memorandum to the managers that summarized data and management options regarding the dam. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact the owner of the dam via a letter and suggest that the landowner meet with him and Vice President Bucheck to discuss the results of the VBWD=s investigations.

**Draft Comments to Lake Elmo: Old Village Sanitary Sewer Extension EAW** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft letter regarding his review of an EAW to extend sanitary sewer from Interstate 94 to the southeast side of the Old Village of Lake Elmo. The sanitary sewer is proposed to be constructed generally along Lake Elmo Avenue and a lift station is proposed at 20th Street North and Lake Elmo Avenue. The managers discussed the project and the letter and made revisions to the letter.

**MS4 Permit Notice** Engineer Hanson suggested that the managers select a date for their annual meeting on their MS4 permit. The managers selected June 28, 2007 for the meeting and directed Attorney Marshall to publish the required notifications.

**Comments to the DNR: Woodbury Pumping** The managers briefly discussed a copy of a letter Engineer Hanson had sent to the DNR regarding the City of Woodbury=s proposal to pump groundwater at two new eastern wells.

**Project 1007 Maintenance** Engineer Hanson presented a request for payment on the Project 1007 Maintenance project. The managers approved the request. Engineer Hanson reported that the restoration work remains to be completed.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - May 24, 2007** The managers expect to have a quorum present at the next meeting on May 24, 2007, but Manager Johnson expects to be absent. Manager Borash indicated that he might be absent from the June 14th meeting.

**Long Lake Association Meeting** President Fetcher reported that he will be giving a presentation to the Long Lake Association on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm at the Mahtomedi City Hall. He invited other managers to attend, and indicated that Engineer Hanson will be with him to assist in the presentation.

**WaterFest** President Fetcher announced that WaterFest will be held at Lake Phalen Park Pavilion on May 19th, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

**MAWD Summer Tour** President Fetcher announced that the MAWD summer tour will be held at the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District June 28th through 30th. **Motion** by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to reimburse any manager wishing to attend the MAWD summer tour, for registration fees and mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS** Manager Johnson inquired about activities at the Emerson property near Manning Avenue and 10th Street North, at the Montgomery/Peterson property south of 10th Street North, and near Oakgreen, and at the property southwest of 30th Street North and Manning Avenue. The managers asked Inspector Roemmich to investigate.

**ADJOURNMENT** **Motion** made by Johnson and seconded by Bucheck at 9:42 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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