Minutes of Regular Meeting # 781 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 27, 2007

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, President

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Brandt, Wal-Mart Permit Request, Woodbury; Rusty Schmidt, Washington Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER Vice President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS There were no additional agenda items.

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

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

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Wolle reported that she had met with Mr. Mark Mann regarding the appraised value of his property. She said that Mr. Mann would like the arrangement to involve as few acres as possible. An on-site meeting is scheduled for October 16th.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007 dated 8/31/2007, and copies of the VBWD Treasurer’s Report, dated September 27, 2007. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

VBWD Study/Project Budget At the last meeting, the managers requested Treasurer Borash to make slight changes to the Plan Implementation totals and the Administrative Budget totals. At this meeting Treasurer Borash reported that he had made those changes and motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the 2008 Study/Project budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Directors and Officers Insurance Policy Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve the $1,777 premium payment for the 2008 Directors and Officers Insurance Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  Rusty Schmidt reported that he is planning to get the VBWD best management practices cost-share program in force, but hasn’t been able to start organizing the program yet. He said he will be getting assistance from an intern in 2008, which will help him to get the program started.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT  Wal-Mart, Permit 2007-17  Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located at 10240 Hudson Road, Woodbury, in part of the NW 1/4 Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to expand the existing store and associated parking lot.

After discussion of the stormwater management concerns, the wetland management & buffers, and the floodplain management concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2007-17 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions, and also with the condition that the easement will be granted to VBWD and the City of Woodbury. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: 2007 Washington County Culvert Replacements, Lake Elmo  Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located north of 50th Street North and south of Highlands Trail along Demontrville Trail (CR 13B), Lake Elmo, in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to replace existing culverts with equal sized culverts.

After discussion of the stormwater management concerns, the wetland management & buffers, and the floodplain management concerns, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit # 2007-24 with the engineer=s suggested site specific conditions, and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Revision Request: Whistling Valley 3rd Addition, Lake Elmo  Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located northwest of CSAH 10 (10th Street North) and 10th Street Lane, Lake Elmo in part of the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to develop 16 acres into six residential homes. Approximately 1,300 feet of roadway and approximately 2,100 feet of paved 8-foot wide trails are proposed to be constructed as well as one infiltration basin and one two-cell stormwater management pond.

The managers had approved a permit for this project in May 2007. Since then, slight revisions have been made to the plan, including small grading changes, which caused slight changes in the predicted 100-year flood levels. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Johnson to approve Permit # 2007-11 with the engineer=s suggested changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ravine Studies  At the April 26, 2007 meeting, the managers had directed Barr Engineering to further evaluate ravines located on the west side of Long Lake, on the west side of the north lobe of Goose Lake, and on the east of Goetschel Pond adjacent to a residence in the Fields of St. Croix subdivision, and to develop a plan for stabilizing the ravines. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of reports on the Long Lake Ravine Stabilization, the Goose Lake Channel Stabilization, and the Goetschel Ravine Stabilization, and discussed the reports at this meeting. After discussion of the reports, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Johnson to authorize Barr Engineering to proceed to make bid plans for three ravine stabilization plans as stated in the reports. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT  Next Meeting - October 11, 2007  The managers expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

East Metro Water Resources Education Program  The managers agreed to postpone the discussion of this issue until President Fetcher is present.

ADJOURNMENT  Motion made by Borash and seconded by Scheel at 7:50 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Valley Branch Watershed District Minutes Approved by Managers 10/11/07