Minutes of Regular Meeting # 797 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, June 26, 2008

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: None

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

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Lewis, Board of Water and Soil Resources

At 6:00 pm the managers conducted a workshop to discuss the role of the VBWD Citizens Advisory Committee.

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda: Under Engineer: Washington County Fair Sign-Up; Lake Elmo FEMA Meeting; Under Managers: Friends of Washington County Informational Meeting; Maplewood Funding of Silver Lake Treatment; Ramsey-Washington Metro WD LEAP Tour; Volunteer Recognition Scheduling; Sunfish Lake Resident Request.

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

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

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on inspections that he has made since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Wolle said she had nothing new to report.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008 dated 5/31/08, and the Treasurer=s Report dated June 26, 2008. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT There was no report given.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Afton/Lakeland Restoration Project Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft letter addressed to the City of Afton regarding the City=s request for $25,000 from VBWD for a restoration project, and the VBWD=s denial of the request. The managers approved the letter with minor changes.

Valley Creek Projects Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a Change Order No. 2 for the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin. After discussion, motion was made by Borash
and seconded by Fetcher to approve Change Order # 2 for the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Projects Downstream Stabilization Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of the bid results in the Valley Creek Downstream Stabilization project. The low bid was made by Forest Lake Contracting. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to award the bid of $203,490 for the Valley Creek Downstream Stabilization project to the Forest Lake Contracting Company with the condition that they submit information on other projects they have done with similar scope, as the Contract Documents allow. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Projects Upstream Stabilization Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of the bid results in the Valley Creek Upstream Stabilization project. The low bid was made by Nadeau Excavating. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to award the bid of $49,378 for the Valley Creek Upstream Stabilization project to the Nadeau Excavating Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Projects Temporary Easements and Agreement Forms Attorney Wolle presented temporary easements and project agreements that had been signed by Tom Johnson and Joseph Meisner. The agreements needed President Fetcher’s signature. Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to authorize President Fetcher to sign the agreements with Tom Johnson and Joseph Meisner and to authorize President Fetcher to sign other project agreements as they are received. Motion carried unanimously.

MS4 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL REPORT At 8:00 President Fetcher suspended the managers’ meeting and opened the Public Hearing on the MS4 Annual Report.

President Fetcher called for comments on the MS4 Annual Report. Hearing none, President Fetcher moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Borash. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:05 President Fetcher reopened the managers’ meeting and made motion to approve the MS4 Annual Report. Motion seconded by Borash. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver Lake Outlet Engineer Hanson and the managers discussed the fact that the weir in Silver Lake has been tampered with, and it has been raised several inches. Tampering with the outlet is a criminal offense according to the DNR. A resident on Silver Lake reported the tampering to President Fetcher, who forwarded the information to Engineer Hanson. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to send a letter to Ramsey County, stating that it is the County’s responsibility to secure the outlet. The managers agreed that the letter should be copied to the DNR, the Ramsey County Sheriff, and the Cities of North St. Paul, Maplewood, and Oakdale, and Washington County.

Stormwater Pond Excavation At the last meeting, the managers agreed that an informational Open House could be held on July 9th for residents who are near the proposed stormwater pond maintenance projects. At this meeting, Engineer Hanson reported that the City of Mahtomedi would prefer to have the information presented to them at a City Council meeting before an Open House is held. President Fetcher said he will attend the Mahtomedi City Council meeting on July 1st, and an Open House will be scheduled for July 16th. Adjacent property owners will be notified of the Open House.

Sunfish Lake Aquatic Plant Survey Engineer Hanson reminded the managers that there was some concern that the aquatic plants in Sunfish Lake will grow to deeper depths and in denser populations after the planned water quality improvement project. He asked if the managers would like to have a detailed pre-project survey of the aquatic plants and he provided cost estimates for two options. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to approve a point-intercept aquatic plant survey (139 points of 300-foot intervals) of Sunfish Lake. Motion failed with a unanimous vote NO. They agreed to get a survey done of the plant densities using the qualitative method, to maintain the data base according to the way it has been in the past by Barr Engineering.
Washington County Fair  

Engineer Hanson reported to the managers that Angie Hong is preparing a booth for the Washington County Fair, held the last weekend in July. Angie requested that the VBWD prepare the electronic sign-up sheet for tending the booth, including reducing the shift duration to two hours on Saturday and Sunday. The managers directed Barr to revise the sign-up and post it to the VBWD website.

Lake Elmo FEMA Meeting  

Engineer Hanson announced that there will be a FEMA Floodplain Map Open House on June 30th in Lake Elmo. The managers agreed that Engineer Hanson should attend the Open House, representing VBWD.

MANAGERS= REPORT  
Next Meeting-July 10, 2008  
The managers expect to have a quorum for the next meeting.

Mileage Rate Increase  
President Fetcher said he had received information that the rate for mileage reimbursement will be increased on July 1st to 58.5 cents per mile. This will be the rate for the managers to use after July 1, 2008.

Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Treatment  
President Fetcher announced that the City of Maplewood has agreed to contribute $8,250 toward the aquatic plant treatment in Silver Lake. This means that VBWD will be reimbursed for most of its contribution to the plant treatment in Silver Lake.

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District LEAP Tour  
The Landscape Ecology Awards Program tour is on August 4th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm starting at the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District office. Anyone who is interested in attending should RSVP to Shelly Melser at 651-792-7965.

Volunteer Recognition  
President Fetcher suggested that managers should have a discussion at the next meeting, concerning volunteer recognition.

Bob Kisch/Sunnybrook Lake  
President Fetcher said he will be meeting with Mr. Bob Kisch, a resident on Sunnybrook Lake, to hear Mr. Kisch=s idea for a solution to the flooding problem on Sunnybrook Lake.

Friends of Washington County Meeting  
President Fetcher said there will be an informational meeting on July 14th at the Pollution Control Agency office concerning industrial landfill siting. Engineer Hanson was directed to attend the meeting.

BMP Cost Share Grant Applications  
Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Consent Agenda (attached). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT  
Motion made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck at 9:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 07/10/08