Minutes of Regular Meeting # 791 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, March 27, 2008

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

MANAGERS ABSENT:  Lincoln Fetcher, President

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

STAFF ABSENT:  None

OTHERS PRESENT:  Jim Almendinger, St. Croix Watershed Research Station; Wendy Griffin, Washington Conservation District; Earth Evans, Cedar Bluff Permit Request

CALL TO ORDER  Vice President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  There were no announcements made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  After discussion of the minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  There were no additional agenda items.

PUBLIC FORUM  Presentation on Valley Creek Monitoring  Jim Almendinger, from the St. Croix Watershed Research Station, presented a report on the monitoring of Valley Creek during the past 18 months. After giving the report, Jim asked the managers to approve another two-year contract for the monitoring of Valley Creek. The contract would run from July 2007 through June 2009. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to provide $38,500 for a two-year contract to monitor Valley Creek by the St. Croix Watershed Research Station. Motion carried unanimously. Vice President Bucheck directed Engineer Hanson to prepare the proper letter concerning the contract with the St. Croix Watershed Research Station.

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

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

ATTORNEY=S REPORT  Attorney Wolle reported on her review of the Board of Water and Soil Resources Performance Review and Assistance Program. She said that the VBWD is generally in conformance with the performance standards, but some policies could possibly be formalized or updated. For example, she indicated that it had been quite some time since the VBWD bylaws were updated, and certain areas need to be updated. Vice President Bucheck directed Attorney Wolle to provide suggestions for the managers at the next meeting.

TREASURER=S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008 dated 2/29/2008, and the Treasurer=s Report dated March 27, 2008. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.
Wendy Griffin, with the Washington Conservation District (WCD), was present to get the managers’ signatures on contract between VBWD and the WCD for the installation of lake gauges, monitoring of 24 lakes, and for coordinating the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program with the Stillwater Area High School Students. After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve the service agreement between VBWD and the WCD for the installation of lake gauges, the monitoring of 24 lakes, and the coordination of the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located southeast of Manning Avenue South (Hwy. 95) and 22nd Street South, Afton, in part of the south half of NW 1/4 and north half of SW 1/4 Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to construct a single-family residential subdivision with 36 lots, approximately 1.2 miles of roadway, approximately 4,800 feet of storm sewer, two stormwater ponds, and a community wastewater treatment system.

After discussion of the stormwater management, wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucksinger, to approve Permit # 2008-05 with the engineer’s suggested site-specific conditions, and standard conditions, as edited by the managers. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Bucheck directed Attorney Wolle to talk with the City of Afton Attorney about the feasibility of VBWD obtaining easements on easements that have already been granted to Afton.

Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers, information regarding the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS) mapping of the VBWD. Engineer Hanson had been contacted by the Ramsey Conservation District, asking if the VBWD wanted the Ramsey County portion of the VBWD mapped with MLCCS at an additional cost of $1,000.

After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to pay $1,000 for the mapping of the Ramsey County portion of the VBWD. Motion carried unanimously.

The managers expect to have a quorum for the next meeting.

Recording Secretary Karen Schultz provided the second draft of the 2007 annual report. President Fetcher had made changes to the first draft, also. Karen Schultz said she will have a third draft for the managers’ review at the next meeting.

Motion made by Scheel and seconded by Borash at 8:35 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 04/10/08