Minutes of Regular Meeting # 794 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 8, 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; Ray Marshall, Attorney; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; and Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Pilgrim, Barr Engineering; Joni Chavez, Jim Gibbons, Dennis Kelly, and Pete Schiltgen, Sunfish Lake Residents; Mike Manthei, Paul Swan, Paul Anderson, Silver Lake Improvement Association; John Mazzitello, Mike Anderson, Patrick Johnson, and Scott Thelan, Anderson Companies Permit; Susan Hoyt, Lake Elmo City Administrator

CALL TO ORDER President Fetcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda: Under Managers - Silver Lake Weir; Oakdale Stormwater Management Permitting; Managers= Business Cards; and Century College.

PUBLIC FORUM President Fetcher announced that he would recuse himself from the following discussion, and turned the meeting over to Vice President Bucheck.

Mike Manthei, Paul Swan, and Paul Anderson, representing the Silver Lake Improvement Association, were present to request funds for the aquatic plant control project on Silver Lake. Mike Manthei presented a letter to the managers stating a request for $9,500, which is the amount needed to complete the $55,000 needed for the aquatic plant management project on Silver Lake. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Lucksinger, to fund the project to control aquatic plants in Silver Lake with an amount not to exceed $9,500. Motion carried with the following vote: Scheel, Yes; Lucksinger, Yes; Bucheck, Yes; Fetcher, Abstain; Borash, No.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS At this time President Fetcher resumed authority over the meeting, and authorized a change in the order of agenda items.

PRESENTATION - Sunfish Lake Water Quality Improvement Project Keith Pilgrim with Barr Engineering, was present to provide information to Sunfish Lake residents, regarding the Sunfish Lake Water Quality Improvement Project proposed by the VBWD. Several residents were present to hear the presentation. The managers and Keith Pilgrim answered several questions from the residents after the presentation. The residents suggested that the managers send a letter to all the residents of Sunfish Lake explaining what individuals could do to improve the lake=s water quality. The managers said this will be done.
SECRETARY=S REPORT Secretary Scheel said he had distributed the mail.

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

ENGINEER=S REPORT Permit Request: Anderson Entertainment Center, Oakdale Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located southeast of I-694 and Trunk Highway 5, Oakdale, in the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 21 West. The purpose of the project is to construct a commercial building and associated parking lot, underground stormwater storage, and an underground stormwater infiltration system. The project involves impacting (filling) 4,093 square feet of wetland and purchasing a total of 10,233 square feet of wetland credit from a state certified wetland bank: the Meadowlark Preserve, LLC, outside of VBWD (Rice Creek Watershed District, but within Washington County).

After much discussion of the stormwater management, wetland management and buffers, and floodplain management, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2008-08 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions and a condition regarding inspections and maintenance of the underground stormwater management facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver Lake Weir President Fetcher read to the managers, an e-mail that Engineer Hanson had received from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District staff regarding the weir on Silver Lake. Apparently, someone has been seen lifting the metal weir, thereby changing the water level of Silver Lake.

President Fetcher said he contacted the Ramsey County Public Works regarding the weir because the weir is the responsibility of the Ramsey County Public Works Department. He directed Engineer Hanson to investigate the history of the lake outlet and report back to the managers.

Joy Park Improvements President Fetcher reported that he and Engineer Hanson had met with staff of the City of Maplewood concerning the City=s plans for Joy Park.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program At the last meeting, Attorney Wolle pointed out several areas of the VBWD performance standards that need updating. At this meeting, the managers discussed the performance standards and policies.

Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to formally adopt a Public Data Request Policy, as discussed on May 8, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Wolle had provided to the managers a copy of amended VBWD by-laws. After discussion, the managers directed Attorney Wolle to prepare a draft of the VBWD by-laws, using the sample from Rice Creek Watershed District as a guide for discussion at the next meeting.

Workshop to Discuss Role of Citizen Advisory Committee The managers agreed to hold a workshop on June 26, 2008, at 6:00 pm to discuss the role and responsibilities of a Citizen Advisory Committee. Attorney Wolle and Engineer Hanson were directed to attend the workshop.

Washington Conservation District VBWD BMP Contracts Vice President Bucheck provided the BMP contract with the Ramsey Conservation District. President Fetcher and Secretary Scheel signed the contract. The managers discussed appointing a subcommittee to review grant applications. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to appoint a subcommittee consisting of Rusty Schmidt, John Hanson, and Vice President Bucheck to develop a review procedure/protocol for the grant applications. Motion carried unanimously. The first meeting will be arranged by Vice President Bucheck.

ENGINEER=S REPORT (Cont.) Update: Valley Creek Stabilization Projects Engineer Hanson reported that the City of Afton did not notify the public of the permit applications to be discussed at the Afton Planning
Commission=s May 5th meeting, so the Planning Commission will meet on June 2nd for the discussion. If the permits are not approved on June 2nd, the process to change the application to get approval will likely delay the project until next year.

Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin Engineer Hanson presented information on Change Order No. 1 in the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin project. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to accept Change Order # 1 to extend the contract time in the Oakgreen Avenue Infiltration Basin. Motion carried unanimously.

Update: Stormwater Ponds Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum regarding the VBWD Pond Maintenance Project Status Update. The managers discussed the status of the project.

Xcel Energy Fly Ash Landfill EIS Engineer Hanson had e-mailed and mailed to the managers copies of the MPCA=s responses to VBWD comments on the Draft EIS for the Xcel Energy Fly Ash Landfill and a draft VBWD response letter. He had prepared the draft response letter after discussing the MPCA=s responses with President Fetcher. Since none of the managers responded to Engineer Hanson=s e-mail, Engineer Hanson finalized the VBWD response letter and sent it to the MPCA by the comment deadline.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting-May 22, 2008 The managers expect to have a quorum for the next meeting.

Oakdale Stormwater Management Permitting Engineer Hanson mentioned that representatives from the City of Oakdale may attend a future managers= meeting to discuss permitting authorities.

Managers= Business Cards President Fetcher provided the managers with a sample of business cards that he could print for each manager. The managers agreed that President Fetcher should print several business cards for each manager.

Century College President Fetcher said he will attend a landscape charette on May 14th from 8:00 am to Noon at Century College. He directed Engineer Hanson to attend also.

5th Street North Property Manager Lucksinger said he was approached by a neighbor who offered to purchase the VBWD-owned properties. President Fetcher directed Attorney Wolle to look into the issue of selling the property.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck at 10:22 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 05/22/08