Minutes of Regular Meeting # 806 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 13, 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: Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Added to the agenda under Engineer: Valley Creek Ravine; Under Managers: St. Croix Workshop; 2009 Goals; Report on Oct. 25th Tour; Officer Election; Silver Lake.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in Public Forum.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor had mailed his report on lake levels, and discussed it with the managers at this 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 Marshall presented several documents needing signatures by President Fetcher and Secretary Scheel, including an encroachment agreement between Xcel Energy and VBWD for a ravine stabilization in Pine Springs; an easement agreement with Steve and Debra Funk on Long Lake; and a stormwater quality treatment facility maintenance agreement at Century College.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash reported that the Annual Audit will be available at the next meeting.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT There was no one present from the Washington Conservation District to give a report.

ENGINEER=S REPORT Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum concerning the Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank, Permit # 2005-01. The Wildflower Shores Home Owners Association (HOA) has contacted Engineer Hanson concerning the development of the wetland in the subdivision. Engineer Hanson suggested that the HOA meet with Barr Engineering and the VBWD
during the growing season in 2009 to discuss the issue. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to organize the meeting. Vice President Bucheck said he will attend to represent VBWD.

**Citizens Advisory Committee** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers draft copies of a request for volunteers for the CAC, the general CAC workplan, and a CAC application form, for discussion at this meeting. After much discussion of the documents, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to prepare new drafts, based on the managers= comments.

**WOMP Station** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum regarding the impact of the Valley Creek Downstream Stabilization Project on the Watershed Outlet Monitoring Program (WOMP) station at the Putnam Boulevard Bridge. The Metropolitan Council is concerned that the WOMP station is negatively affected by the stabilization project. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to coordinate a meeting of staff from the Metropolitan Council, DNR, St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Barr Engineering, and President Fetcher or Vice President Bucheck to discuss the issue.

**Stormwater Pond Maintenance Project** At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed to get new bids for the stormwater pond maintenance project. After discussion of the bid summary comparison, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to accept the bid from Nadeau Excavating, Inc., in the amount of $228,615.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mahtomedi Planning Commission Meeting** President Fetcher reported that he had attended the Planning Commission meeting in the City of Mahtomedi. Citizens attending the meeting questioned President Fetcher about the stormwater pond maintenance project. The Mahtomedi City Council will discuss the VBWD permit request at their November 18th meeting.

**Ravine Stabilization Projects** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of Payment Application No. 1 for the ravine stabilization projects at Goose Lake, Goetschel Pond, and Long Lake, in the amount of $43,809.89. Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to pay $43,809.89 to Frattalone Companies. Motion carried unanimously.

**Long Lake Water Quality Improvement Project** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of Payment Application No. 1 for the Long Lake Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of $98,359.19. Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to pay $98,359.19 to Teemark Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sunfish Lake Water Quality Improvement Project** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of Payment Application No. 1 for the Sunfish Lake Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of $17,035.50. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to pay $17,035.50 to Lake Restoration, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**Valley Creek Stabilization - Native Vegetation Establishment** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of Payment Application No. 1 for the Valley Creek Stabilization - Native Vegetation Establishment in the amount of $28,755.09. Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to pay $28,755.09 to Prairie Restorations, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**North St. Paul Water Management Plan** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of a draft letter regarding the North St. Paul Water Management Plan. After review and discussion of the draft response letter, the managers approved the letter, and directed Engineer Hanson to send a copy of the letter to Senator Chuck Wiger.

**Ramsey County Comprehensive Plan** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of a draft letter regarding the Ramsey County 2008 Comprehensive Plan. After review and discussion of the draft response letter, the managers approved the letter, and directed Engineer Hanson to send the letter.
White Bear Lake Stormwater Management Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreements Engineer Hanson asked the managers for direction on an issue regarding the maintenance agreements of the private stormwater improvements in White Bear Lake. The City of White Bear Lake has asked if VBWD would drop its requirement for an agreement and defer to the City’s agreement. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to work with Attorney Marshall and the City of White Bear Lake to develop a Memorandum of Understanding regarding operations and maintenance of stormwater management systems in White Bear Lake.

VBWD System Inspection The managers agreed to discuss the VBWD inspections at the next meeting.

BMP Cost-Share Reimbursement Requests Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers memoranda regarding three BMP cost-share reimbursement requests for: Bob Meier Raingarden Planting for $200, Heidi Johnson Raingardens for $1,274.00, and Hamlet on Sunfish Lake for $4,285.00. Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Bucheck to approve the Bob Meier Raingarden Planting reimbursement of $200. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to approve payment of $1,274.00 to Heidi Johnson, and $4,285.00 to the Hamlet on Sunfish Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

Incentive Program President Fetcher asked Vice President Bucheck if he would draft a framework for an incentive BMP cost-share program for residential, industrial, and commercial land developers. Vice President Bucheck agreed.

Valley Creek Ravines Engineer Hanson distributed copies of a memorandum regarding the Valley Creek Ravine inspections. After the managers reviewed the memorandum and discussed the inspections, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to authorize Barr Engineering to proceed with the survey and contact the property owners, conduct surveys, and develop plans. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - December 11, 2008 The managers expect to have a quorum at the next meeting.

Two-Year Consultant Review Letters The Recording Secretary will prepare letters requesting proposals from consultants, for President Fetcher’s signature.

St. Croix River Workshop Secretary Scheel and President Fetcher reported on an event they attended on October 29th. Speakers at the dinner workshop discussed the responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities for communities and organizations to protect the St. Croix River.

2009 Goals President Fetcher had asked Engineer Hanson to draft the 2009 goals, based on the VBWD Plan and 2009 budget. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers draft copies of the 2009 Goals. Because of the late hour, the managers agreed to discuss the goals for 2009 at the next meeting.

October 25, 2008 Tour of Valley Creek The managers discussed the tour held on October 25, 2008 of the Valley Creek Stabilization sites and agreed that it was a very good tour.

Officer Election for 2009 The managers will elect the officers for 2009 at the next meeting.

Silver Lake President Fetcher reported that he had attended the recent Silver Lake Improvement Association meeting. He said the residents are very appreciative of what the VBWD has done. After discussion of the cost of the aquatic plant management in Silver Lake, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to work with President Fetcher to organize a meeting of all Silver Lake stakeholders and local legislators to discuss the financial options for managing the aquatic plants in Silver Lake.
ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 9:59 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 12/11/08