Minutes of Regular Meeting # 805 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, October 23, 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: Michael Murphy, Larson Engineering, Century College Truck Training Center Permit

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS President Fetcher announced that Vice President Bucheck and Secretary Scheel have been reappointed to three-year terms by the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the October 9, 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 Engineer: Lake DeMontreville Ravine; West Lakeland Storage Site.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in Public Forum.

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 presented several documents needing signatures by President Fetcher and Secretary Scheel, including temporary easement and project agreements with the Mulcahys and P-4 Properties at the Long Lake Ravine Stabilization Project, the Metcalfs at the Goetschel Pond Ravine Stabilization Project, and the Geffres at the Goose Lake Ravine Stabilization Project. Maintenance agreements at the FedEx and Engebretsen permitted projects were signed. President Fetcher also signed an Encroachment Easement Agreement between VBWD and Prairie Ridge Office Park Association, Inc. for the office park to install a split rail fence.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008 dated September 30, 2008 and the Treasurer=s Report dated October 23, 2008. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer=s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Borash reported that the VBWD 2007 Audit is in the final stages. President Fetcher asked Treasurer Borash to find out why the audit is so late this year.
President Fetcher asked Treasurer Borash to make sure that the VBWD accounts are insured.

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT Permit Request: Sovell Geothermal System, West Lakeland Township Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located at 2387 Morgan Avenue North, West Lakeland Township in part of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 29 North, Range 20 West. The purpose of the project is to install an open geothermal system that will discharge 700,000 gallons (2.15 acre-feet) per year at a peak discharge rate of 8 gallons per minute (0.018 cubic feet per second, cfs) to an existing stormwater pond on the property. The discharge will occur during the home heating and home cooling months.

After much discussion of the stormwater management concerns, the wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Scheel to approve Permit # 2008-24 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard permit approval conditions, and with the suggestion by the managers that the permit applicant is strongly encouraged to install a closed system rather than an open system so that the project doesn=t consume valuable ground water resources. Motion carried, with President Fetcher abstaining.

Century College Truck Training Center - Permit # 2008-13-Revised Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located between I-94 and Hudson Road, east of Indian Trail, Afton/West Lakeland Township in part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 28 North, Range 20 West and part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 29 North, Range 20. The purpose of the project is to construct a truck driving training center, including a 3300 square foot building, a 59-stall 25,000 square foot parking lot, a third mile driving loop, and two infiltration basins with pretreatment cells.

After much discussion of the stormwater management concerns, the wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to approve Permit # 2008-13-Revised with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Long Lake Water Quality Improvement Project At the last meeting, the managers agreed to reject all bids made for the Long Lake Water Quality Improvement project, and direct Engineer Hanson and Attorney Marshall to request a proposal from Teemark Corporation on the Long Lake Treatment Project, and to negotiate a cost that is appropriate to the project and conforms to all legal requirements. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a table explaining the new bid from Teemark for the alum treatment at Long Lake. At this meeting, Engineer Hanson reported to the managers that the bid is increased to $98,377.55, because of insurance and bid costs.

After much discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to approve the bid from Teemark Corporation on the Long Lake Treatment Project, in the amount of $98,377.55. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fetcher said that the managers should work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to monitor Long Lake.

Stormwater Pond Maintenance Project At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson recommended to the managers to award the bid for the stormwater pond maintenance project to no one, until Barr Engineering could confirm with the MPCA that the proposed disposal locations stated in the bids, conform to the MPCA=s requirements. The managers agreed with this. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum providing a status report on the 2008 pond maintenance project in VBWD.
After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to rebid the stormwater pond maintenance project because the key requirements for the bid have changed. Motion carried with the following vote: Fetcher, Yes; Bucheck, Yes; Scheel, Yes; Borash, No; Lucksinger, Yes.

**Habitat Management**  At the September 11, 2008 meeting, the managers directed Barr Engineering to prepare information regarding managing buckthorn and aquatic plants. Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum dated October 16, 2008, regarding Habitat Management - Potential Work Plans for Managing Buckthorn, Buffers, and Aquatic Plants.

After discussion of the memorandum, the managers agreed that buckthorn management should not be a primary mission of the VBWD. President Fetcher directed Engineer Hanson to contact Angie Hong and invite her to attend a future managers meeting to discuss the matter of educating the public on habitat management.

**Eagle Point Lake Dam**  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum dated October 17, 2008, regarding the Eagle Point Lake Dam Revegetation Fall 2008. After discussion of the memorandum, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to approve up to $22,000 for Prairie Restorations, Inc., to plant new vegetation on Eagle Point Lake Dam. Motion carried unanimously.

**Baytown Township Comprehensive Plan**  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers draft copies of a letter addressed to the engineering firm for the Township of Baytown, commenting on Baytown Township’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The managers approved the letter with minor changes, and directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letter.

**Oak Park Heights Comprehensive Plan**  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers draft copies of a letter addressed to the engineering firm for the City of Oak Park Heights, commenting on the City of Oak Park Heights 2008-2030 Comprehensive Plan. The managers approved the letter with minor changes, and directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letter.

**BWSR Handbook**  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of the VBWD page in the BWSR Handbook. The managers approved the information on the page, with minor revisions, and directed Engineer Hanson to send the page to BWSR.

**Mahtomedi Easements**  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers e-mail correspondence from the City of Mahtomedi engineering consultant regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for the Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement. The City of Mahtomedi disagrees with the managers’ maintenance agreement.

The managers directed Attorney Wolle and Engineer Hanson to respond to the memorandum.

**Lake DeMontreville Ravine**  Engineer Hanson distributed a memorandum regarding Barr Engineering’s investigation of a ravine that conveys overflows from Long Lake into Lake DeMontreville. The ravine has eroding side banks and sediment deposits in Lake DeMontreville. After discussion of the memorandum, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to authorize Barr Engineering to proceed with plans to survey the ravine and prepare a design. Motion carried unanimously.

**West Lakeland Storage Site**  Manager Lucksinger reported that there has been no trespassing with 4-wheelers at the West Lakeland Storage Site. Engineer Hanson reported that John Buelow has not completed the maintenance work agreed upon. Engineer Hanson was directed to contact John Buelow about the issue.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - November 13, 2008**  The managers expect to have a quorum at the next meeting. President Fetcher said he may arrive late.
Cancellation of Meetings in November and December Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck that the second meeting in November 2008, and the second meeting in December 2008 will be cancelled, as is done every year. Motion carried unanimously.

October 25, 2008 VBWD Tour The managers, Attorney Wolle, and Engineer Hanson agreed to meet at 9:00 am on Saturday the 25th of October, at the Holiday Station north of I-94 on the east side of Manning Avenue in West Lakeland Township, to tour the Valley Creek Stabilization projects.

MAWD Annual Conference Motion made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to pay expenses and registration costs for any manager attending the annual MAWD conference on December 4-6, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 8:55 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

Don Scheel, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 11/13/08