Minutes of Regular Meeting # 810 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers Thursday, February 12, 2009

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

MANAGERS ABSENT: Ray Lucksinger, Manager

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney; and Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Ray Roemmich, Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Kevin Streeter, Harley Automotive Permit; Jeff Berg, Former WCD Representative

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 January 22, 2009 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: Aquatic Plant Management in Silver Lake; Joy Park Permit Issues; and Whistling Valley Second Addition; Under Managers: Lower St. Croix WMO.

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

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 picked up the mail and distributed it.

INSPECTOR=S REPORT Inspector Roemmich was absent. No report was given.

ATTORNEY=S REPORT Attorney Marshall presented 1) the agreement with the City of Woodbury regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for stormwater pond maintenance; 2) the NSP Temporary Easement and Project Agreement; and 3) the independent contractor agreements for the Recording Secretary and the Inspector for signature by President Fetcher and Secretary Scheel. The documents were signed and Attorney Marshall will process them.

TREASURER=S REPORT Treasurer Borash reported that he had corrected the Treasurer=s Report of January 22, 2009. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to renew a Certificate of Deposit that is due on March 10, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Washington Conservation District No one was present representing the Washington Conservation District.
permit request: Harley Automotive, Oakdale

Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located southwest of the Gateway Trail/I-694 intersection (7161 - 55th Street North), Oakdale in part of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to construct a 13,000 square foot building, a 10,500 square foot associated parking lot, and a 2,400 square foot infiltration basin with a pre-treatment cell.

After discussion of the stormwater management, the wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2009-02 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

permit revision request: Afton House, Afton

Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located north of Lake Edith at 502/536 Stagecoach Trail, Afton, in part of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3 and part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 4 in Township 28 North, Range 20 West.

The purpose of the project is to construct a 0.75-mile long 12-foot wide gravel driveway, an approximate 5,000-square foot footprint home, a 1,100-square foot garage, a 1,300-square foot pool pavilion, and 3 sets of stormwater runoff ponding areas.

After discussion of the stormwater management, the wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2008-19 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

permit request: Raleigh Creek Stabilization, Lake Elmo

Engineer Hanson presented information on a project located adjacent to CSAH 6 (Stillwater Boulevard), east of Ideal/Helmo Avenues, Lake Elmo in part of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.

The purpose of the project is to stabilize approximately 400 feet of Raleigh Creek north of CSAH 6 and 950 feet of the creek south of CSAH 6.

After discussion of the stormwater management, the wetland management and buffers, and the floodplain management, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve Permit # 2009-04 with the engineer=s suggested site-specific conditions and applicable standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Afton Center EAW

Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft letter addressed to the City of Afton regarding the Afton Center Environmental Assessment Worksheet. After much discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to direct Engineer Hanson to make certain revisions to the letter regarding the VBWD=s minimum floor elevation rule, and to send the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Stormwater Pond Maintenance

Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers A Payment Application No. 1” for the VBWD 2008 Pond Maintenance Project in Mahtomedi and Oakdale, Minnesota, dated December 1, 2008 through January 29, 2009. Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Bucheck to approve payment in the amount of $40,041.55 to Nadeau Excavating, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Stillwater Way Street Improvements

Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers information regarding a proposed improvement project to Stillwater Way Street. After discussion, the managers agreed that the improvements to Stillwater Way would not require conformance to the VBWD=s volume control rule, as of the motion made by the managers on January 22, 2009, regarding volume control.
Ramsey County Preliminary FEMA Maps  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum from Barr staff regarding the Ramsey County Preliminary FEMA Map Review. After discussion, the managers directed Barr Engineering to proceed with the recommendations made in the memorandum, including to inform the Cities of North St. Paul and White Bear Lake the implications of the proposed map.

Silver Lake - Joy Park Permit Issues  Engineer Hanson was directed by the managers to prepare a response letter to the Silver Lake Improvement Association regarding their concerns with the Joy Park improvement, for the managers to review at the next meeting.

Silver Lake - Aquatic Plant Management  After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to invite staff from the MnDNR, Ramsey County, and Barr Engineering, to discuss the issue at a future meeting.

Whistling Valley 2nd Addition Motion  was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borsh to approve the wetland bank. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - February 26, 2009  The managers expect to have a quorum at the next meeting. Manager Lucksinger will not be present.

Legislation  President Fetcher discussed the proposed Washington County Legislation. The managers agreed to direct Engineer Hanson to prepare a draft letter addressed to the State Senators and Representatives in the VBWD area for the managers to review. The letter would tell the legislators of the managers= concerns regarding the proposed legislation and invite the legislators to the annual Legislative Breakfast to be held in March.

MAWD Legislative Breakfast Motion  by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to pay all expenses incurred by any manager attending the Legislative Breakfast. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition Banquet  After much discussion, the managers agreed to cancel the Recognition Banquet because of the climate of the economy.

Envirothon  Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a letter from the Washington Conservation District regarding the Area IV Envirothon, an outdoor learning experience for high school students in the 11-county metro area. The WCD asked for financial support for the event. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to donate $200 to the cause. Motion carried unanimously.

Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  The managers discussed at length, the possible merge of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization territory with the VBWD. The managers directed Attorney Marshall and Engineer Hanson to prepare a resolution regarding the proposed merge. The managers will review the resolution at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Motion  made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 10:03 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 03/12/09