VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 833 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers APPROVED
Thursday, February 25, 2010 MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT:  David Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; and Ray Lucksinger, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT:  Donald Scheel, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:  John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT:  None

OTHERS PRESENT:  Jeff Berg, CAC Member; Representatives from Wildflower Shores Homeowners Association

CALL TO ORDER  President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  After discussion of the February 11, 2010 meeting minutes, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.


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

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  Jeff Berg was present.  No report given.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Secretary Scheel was absent from the meeting.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  No report was given.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Minnesota Court of Appeals Hearing
Attorney Marshall reported that he attended the Minnesota Court of Appeals Hearing on Woodbury’s appeal to the May 2009 petition regarding the dissolution of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization and merger mostly with the South Washington Watershed District.  Attorney Marshall will update the managers on the outcome of the appeal.

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2009, dated January 2010, and the Treasurer's Report dated February 25, 2010.  Treasurer Borash stated that the new fund codes are listed on the reports.  After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report.  Motion carried unanimously.
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  No report given.

ENGINEER’S REPORT
Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank  Representatives from the Wildflower Shores Homeowners Association were present to discuss the terms of the agreement. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the agreement and establishment of the wetland bank and transfer the wetland bank credits with the Wildflower Shores Homeowners Association with changes made to paragraph 15 stating that VBWD will maintain the wetland until all of the wetland credits are sold. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to authorize President Buchek signature and submittal of the permit of the wetland bank for Wildflower Shores contingent on the agreement with the Wildflower Shores Homeowners Association.

Karen Schultz Memorial  Engineer Hanson reported that he has spoken with representatives from St. Mark’s Church to have a tree planted on the church grounds, and a memorial plaque placed inside the church for Karen Schultz. The managers accepted the memorial arrangements.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
Citizens Advisory Committee  The managers reviewed the work plan they had prepared for the CAC. The managers suggested the CAC choose some topics to work on, and bring any additional ideas to the managers.

Washington County Mediation  President Buchek provided a review of the mediation session. Engineer Hanson provided an update on the follow up conference call with South Washington Watershed District, Washington County, and Beth Bartz. Attorney Marshall distributed notes for the managers to consider at the next mediation session. Discussion followed.

Permitting of State Agencies  Engineer Hanson was contacted by Jonathan Bohn with the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) regarding legislation to require all state agencies to obtain watershed district permits for applicable projects. After discussion, the managers did not want to actively solicit legislative support for the permit bill, but instructed Engineer Hanson to inform the managers on the progress of the legislation.

Next Meeting - March 11, 2010  Secretary Scheel, and Manager Lucksinger will be absent. Vice President Fetcher may also be absent. All other managers plan to attend.

EMWREP Report  Vice President Fetcher reported that he attended the EMWREP meeting. The meeting discussion centered around the communication plan among the watershed districts. A sub-committee has formed to discuss the contact database of shared resources for the watersheds and a communication plan. Angie Hong with the Washington Conservation District would like to continue sub-committee meetings to discuss watershed projects, plans, and develop more synergy among the watershed districts. Vice President Fetcher will continue to participate on the sub-committee.

Wetland Assessment Report  Vice President Fetcher provided a review of the wetland assessment report presentation by Mark Jacobson with Barr Engineering to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Discussion followed.

2010 VBWD Budget and Goals  President Buchek distributed draft copies of the 2010 budget and district goals for the managers to review. The managers will review and bring comments back for discussion at the next manager's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.
FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 9:47 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ray Lucksinger

Ray Lucksinger, Acting Secretary

Minutes approved by managers on 3/25/2010