VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 843 Held in the  
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers  
Thursday, August 26, 2010  
APPROVED MINUTES

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

MANAGER ABSENT:  
None

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

STAFF ABSENT:  
None

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Steve Hobbs, Belwin Conservancy; Pam Bailey, Lake Elmo resident

CALL TO ORDER  
President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
President Bucheck announced that he received notice that Manager Lucksinger’s term was to expire in November of 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
After discussion of the August 12, 2010 meeting minutes, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  
Under the Managers report: #6 Silver Lake update.

PUBLIC FORUM  
Ms. Pam Bailey a resident of Lake Elmo, addressed the managers her concerns about the low lake levels on Lake Elmo. The managers understand her concerns, and offered suggestions on how to proceed with any possible solutions.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
No report given.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  
No report given.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  
Inspector Roemmich reported on the following projects: Century College restoration work and the Lake Elmo Elementary improvements are both complete and look good. The 3M disposal site in Oakdale project will be complete this spring. Inspector Roemmich inspected the south side of the project and will inspect the north side this spring.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  
No report given.

TREASURER’S REPORT  
Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2010, dated July 2010, and the Treasurer's Report dated August 26, 2010. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the study/program/project committed funds report. After discussion, President Bucheck will meet with Nancy Martinson with HLB Taughtes Redpath, to make changes and update the report.
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  No report given.

Valley Creek Restoration Presentation: Mr. Steve Hobbs, Belwin Conservancy  Mr. Hobbs gave a presentation to the managers on the Valley Creek restoration project.

ENGINEER’S REPORT
Karen Schultz Memorial  Engineer Hanson presented the final resolution for the Karen Schultz Memorial for signature.

Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank  Engineer Hanson prepared a memo for the managers to review the bids for the Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank. After review and discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Scheel to award the project to Prairie Restoration in the amount of $56,745.00. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Hanson presented the agreement for President Bucheck’s signature.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
Consent Calendar  After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Echo Lake Stormwater Ponds  Vice President Fetcher and Engineer Hanson attended the Mahtomedi City Council meeting on August 17, 2010 to discuss the Echo Lake Addition stormwater ponds. After discussion, the City Council was in agreement with VBWD to leave the stormwater ponds as they are, with the intent to keep monitoring the conditions of the ponds. Vice President Fetcher and Engineer Hanson will work on a draft letter the residents of Echo Lake.

Children’s Water Festival  Lake Elmo Elementary School is planning to have three bus loads of students attend the Children’s Water Festival. The school is requesting a donation from VBWD to cover the cost of the buses. After discussion, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to approve $500.00 to cover the cost of buses for the Lake Elmo Elementary School transportation to the Children’s Water Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

2011 Budget  The 2011 budget hearing will be on September 9, 2010 during the regular VBWD Board meeting. President Bucheck led the 2011 budget discussion and received input from the managers. President Bucheck will be work on several draft budgets for the managers to review.

Next Meeting – September 9, 2010  All managers plan to attend the meeting.

North St. Paul Silver Lake  Vice President Fetcher gave an update on Silver Lake meetings and correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel

Don Scheel, Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were approved by the Board of Managers:

   A. A $500 plant grant to the Harriet on Sunfish Lake Homeowners Association for additional plants in a created wetland in the Down’s Lake watershed.
   B. A $500 plant grant to Mr. and Mrs. Kreuger for replacement plants in two raingardens and a native planting swale in the Goose Lake watershed.
   C. A $1,500 individual grant to Elena Shaw for a raingarden, dry creek bed, and a French drain in the South Fork Valley Branch Creek watershed.
   D. A $1,500 individual grant to Mr. Steve Adler for two raingardens in the Lake Edith watershed.

Minutes approved by Managers on 9/9/2010