VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 846 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, October 14, 2010

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

MANAGER ABSENT:  Don Scheel, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:  John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; and Ray Marshall, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle

STAFF ABSENT:  Ray Roemmich, Inspector; and Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:  Chuck Taylor and Jeff Berg, Citizen Advisory Committee members

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS  Manager Lucksinger announced that he will not be seeking reappointment to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  After discussion of the September 23, 2010 meeting minutes, motion was made by Lucksinger and seconded by Fetcher to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  Under the Engineer’s report: Item #6 Cimarron and Item #7 Silver Lake Update; under the Managers’ report: #5 2010 Budget Status.

PUBLIC FORUM  None.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  Chuck Taylor discussed his monthly lake level and precipitation report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson had distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson reported that Inspector Roemmich had visited several sites recently, including the Highway 5 roundabout, and Inspector Roemmich plans to make additional site visits next week.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  Attorney Marshall reported that the letter of credit for the Discover Crossing permit has been renewed and that additional details can be discussed at a future meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT  No report given.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  No report given.

ENGINEER’S REPORT  Surety Reduction Request: Permit 2008-03, Oakdale Station, Oakdale  After discussion of the memorandum that had been sent to the Managers and learning that Engineer Hanson and Inspector Roemmich will be visiting the site with the developer’s agents on October 21 to discuss issues with an infiltration basin, the Managers took no action.
Blasko Dam  After project review and discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucksinger to approve payment to Minger Construction, Inc. in the amount of $91,545.25 for the Blasko Dam Removal Project. Motion carried unanimously.

LSCWI Grant Agreement  Attorney Marshall and Engineer Hanson presented a grant agreement between the St. Croix River Association and the VBWD for monitoring at the outlet of Rest Area Pond and Kelles Coulee in 2011 and 2012. President Bucheck signed the agreement.

Sunfish Lake Algal Toxin Testing  President Bucheck reviewed with the managers the Barr Engineering Company memorandum regarding the latest results of algal toxin testing in Sunfish Lake, where were below the threshold of concern.

Project 1007 Manhole within Barton Sand & Gravel Pit  Engineer Hanson reported that Tiller Corporation contacted him and requested that the managers raise a Project 1007 manhole within the Barton Pit to its pre-2002 level. The managers had lowered the manhole riser in 2002 at Tiller’s request so that material could be mined from around the manhole. Tiller would now like to reclaim the area.

After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to investigate the integrity of the manhole risers to determine if they could be re-used. In addition, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact contractors for cost estimates to add the risers to the manhole.

Cimarron  Engineer Hanson reported that Cimarron Park and Golf submitted a permit request too late for him to review the project and prepare a memorandum for the managers. The site’s representative requested that the project be discussed by the managers tonight to determine if the work could proceed before an official permit is approved. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to prepare and send a letter to the site representative that indicates the managers approve the work with conditions, but that an official permit will not be granted until October 28.

Silver Lake  Vice President Fetcher summarized a Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) meeting that he had attended. At the SLIA meeting, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented 2010 aquatic plant survey data and water quality data. The lake’s water quality has degraded since the aquatic plant treatments were conducted and the DNR will not allow another treatment in 2011. The DNR and VBWD recommend focus on internal input for improvement to the lake.

MANAGERS’ REPORT

Professional Services, Official Newspaper, and Official Bank  After discussion, the managers will ask the Recording Secretary to post a notice soliciting professional services on the District’s website.

Annual Contracts for Recording Secretary and Inspector  After discussion, the managers directed Attorney Marshall to prepare renewal contracts for the Recording Secretary and Inspector for the managers to review in January 2011.

Consent Calendar  Motion made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - October 28, 2010  All managers plan to attend the meeting. President Bucheck will be absent from the November 11, 2010 meeting.

2010 Budget Progress  President Bucheck summarized a table he prepared showing the status of the 2010 budget.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash at 8:42 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ray Lucksinger

Ray Lucksinger, Acting Secretary

Consent Calendar
Consent Calendar items are generally defined as items of routine business, not requiring discussion, and approved in one vote. The Managers may elect to pull a consent calendar item(s) for discussion and/or separate action.

The following reimbursements for BMP cost-share projects are presented for Board approval:

A. Alicia Paulsen and Mike Anderson final payment for $231.33
B. Chris Trask final payment for $693.48
C. Janet and Walt Krueger final payment for $247.36
D. James and Beverly Schwalbach final payment for $869.53
E. Nic and Joan Winkel final payment for $2,500
F. Hamlet on Sunfish Lake final payment for $500
G. Pam Beytein final payment for $500
H. Tony and Kathy Schramel final payment for $926.47

Minutes approved by the Managers on 10/28/2010