VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 849 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, December 9, 2010
APPROVED
MINUTES

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

MANAGER ABSENT:  None

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:  Brian Buchmayer, Friends of Long Lake Association, Chad Fredcove, City of Afton resident, Rusty Schmidt, Washington Conservation District, Sirish Samba, MFRA-Representing Stonehenge USA.

CALL TO ORDER  President Buchcheck called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  President Buchcheck announced that Washington County has made no appointments to the VBWD Board of Managers, and that Washington County will be conducting interviews and making final decisions in late December.

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

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  Under the Engineers report: #6 Valley Creek planning and the Belwin property. Under the Attorneys report, The VBWD final tax levy resolution. The Treasurers report moved to item #4 under the Managers Report.

PUBLIC FORUM  Brian Buchmayer, Friends of Long Lake Association  Brian Buchmayer provided an update on the Long Lake treatment for Eurasian watermilfoil. The Long Lake Association will be paying for treatment for the entire lake. The Association is requesting assistance from VBWD to help contract and pay for a macrophyte survey and for providing technical assistance from Barr Engineering for monitoring and review of the vegetation management plan. The Managers agreed to continue to provide technical and monitoring assistance.

Chad Fredcove  Chad Fredcove’s property on 10th Street and Neal Avenue in Afton is currently in the FEMA floodplain area and Mr. Fredcove are having to purchase flood insurance for the property. Mr. Fredcove was seeking assistance from the VBWD on his floodplain issue. The managers discussed the issue with Mr. Fredcove and suggested that the best alternative would be to shop around for the best insurance rate.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  None

SECRETARY’S REPORT  President Buchcheck distributed the mail.
INSPECTOR’S REPORT  Inspector Roemmich reported on the following projects: Cimarron Park and Golf Course, Century College, and the 3M landfill site in Oakdale.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  Attorney Marshall presented the Discovery Crossing documents for President Bucheck and Manager Lucksinger's signature.

After review and discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to approve the VBWD resolution approving the final administrative and program budget for tax levy purposes payable 2011 to Ramsey and Washington Counties. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  Rusty Schmidt gave a summary presentation on the VBWD Best Management Practices grants program for 2010. Rusty also provided some programming suggestions for the 2011 BMP program for the managers to consider. He will be emailing to the managers a current list of BMP grant projects and costs. Rusty stated that a community grant for the City of Lake Elmo for 2011 street improvements and raingardens will be submitted in January for VBWD approval.

ENGINEER’S REPORT  Oakdale Station, Oakdale  Sirish Samba from MFRA representing the Oakdale Station developer Stonehenge USA requested that the VBWD consider releasing $13,000.00 of the surety currently being held for the construction of the infiltration basin at the LA Fitness site. After much discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to release the $13,000.00 surety being held for the existing basin due to the fact that there are no feasible solutions to the infiltration of the basin. The developer had done as much as possible to finding a solution. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Afton Stormwater Management Plan  The managers reviewed and approved the draft comments on the Afton Stormwater Management Plan. Engineer Hanson will send the letter to the City of Afton.

Payment Application: Blasko Dam Removal  After project review and discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash for the final payment for the Blasko Dam project in the amount of $6,524.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Application: Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank  After project review and discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash for payment for the Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank in the amount of $29,967.75. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Granada Lakes Culvert Replacement, Oakdale  After project review and discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the Granada Lakes culvert replacement permit, and to waive the permit and surety fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Planning and the Belwin Property  Engineer Hanson reported that the Belwin property will need to be re-surveyed. The cost of the survey is estimated at $6,000. After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve payment of $3,000.00 for the survey of the Belwin property for the Valley Creek project. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS’ REPORT  East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) meeting  Vice President Fetcher attended the EMWREP meeting on Monday, November 15. The following items were discussed: Program activity updates, review and provide recommendations for 2011 education plan, review and provide recommendations for 2011 budget, and to prioritize 2011 outreach.

Minnesota Association of Watershed District’s Annual Conference  President Bucheck reported on the annual conference. At the conference, Engineer Hanson gave a presentation on some of the Valley Creek projects.
Selection of Consultants for Legal and Engineering Services  After discussion, motion was made by Buccheck and seconded by Borash to re-appoint Barr Engineering Company and Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle to represent VBWD for 2011 and 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2010, dated November 2010, and the Treasurer’s Report dated December 9, 2010. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - January 13, 2011  President Buccheck, Vice President Fetcher, and Treasurer Borash plan to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS  None.

NEW BUSINESS  None.

FUTURE ITEMS  None.

ADJOURNMENT  Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 10:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ray Lucksinger

Ray Lucksinger, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved by Managers 1/13/2011