VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 851 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, January 27, 2011
APPROVED
MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT:  David Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; Jill Lucas, Secretary, and Ed Marchan, 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:  Jim Acker, resident of Afton; Doug Lake, Cloverdale Farm Homeowners Association; Jonathan Kusa and Andrew McGovern, HR Green; Jacob Gave, Washington County

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS  None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  After discussion of the January 13, 2011 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: Item#2 2011 Budget Update.

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

Doug Lake  Doug Lake with the Cloverdale Farm Homeowners Association was present to find out what the VBWD does and express his concerns about the water quality of McDonald and Cloverdale Lakes.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  None

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  Inspector Roemmich reported on the following project: The 3M landfill site in Oakdale.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  None

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2010, dated December 2010, and the Treasurer’s Report dated January 27, 2011. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  None
ENGINEER’S REPORT
Permit Request:  County Road 13B Pavement Rehabilitation, Lake Elmo  Engineer Hanson provided an update on the permit request for County Road 13B pavement rehabilitation project.  Jonathan Kusa, Andrew McGovern from HR Green were present representing Washington County.  Jacob Gave with Washington County was also present. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to table the permit request until all of the permit items are available for VBWD review. Motion carried unanimously.

Lake St. Croix Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study and Valley Creek Loading Data  The managers reviewed and made edits to the draft a letter to the MPCA requesting clarification of the MPCA's expectations of the VBWD in regards to the TMDL and MS4 responsibilities.  Engineer Hanson will make the changes and send the letter. The managers will request a meeting with the MPCA for further discussion.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
Next Meeting - February 10, 2011  All managers plan to attend the meeting.

2011 Budget Update  President Bucheck will work with Accountant Martinson to get the final 2010 numbers and then he will call a budget subcommittee meeting to prepare an adjusted 2011 budget to bring back to the full VBWD Board for approval.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 9:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/is/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers on 2/10/2011