VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 854 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, March 24, 2011
APPROVED
MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT: David Bucheck, President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; Jill Lucas, Secretary; and Ed Marchan; Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President

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: None

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the March 10, 2011 meeting minutes, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS None

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE None

SECRETARY’S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on an excavation of a home in the Park Meadow development in Lake Elmo.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT None

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2011, dated February 2011, and the Treasurer’s Report dated March 24, 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
28th Street North & Raleigh Creek, Lake Elmo The City of Lake Elmo and the Lake Elmo City Bank would like to work with the VBWD on a purchase or swapping of land in Raleigh Creek. The City is requesting to split with VBWD the cost of the preparation of documents to complete the proposed land/easement exchange. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve up to $1000.00 to share in the cost of the preparation of
documents for the proposed land/easement exchange. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary Lucas signed a summons indicating that VBWD received notice of the land title registration proceedings for the parcels.

**Spring Snowmelt**  Engineer Hanson provided an update on the water content and snow levels throughout the VBWD. The managers determined not proceed with the operating plans for lowering the lake levels due to the low range of the water content in the snowpack that was sampled.

**Wetland Certifications**  The Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Technical Evaluation panel recommends that VBWD certify two wetland replacement sites for compliance with the WCA. The projects are the Mulcahy Building in Mahtomedi and Hilltop Business Park in Oakdale. President Bucheck signed the certificates.

**2010 Basin Water Quality Monitoring Report**  Barr Engineering prepared the draft 2010 Basin Water Quality Monitoring Report. The report indicated four waters not meeting the VBWD water quality goals. They are: Lake Edith, Goetschel Pond, Lake Olson, and Silver Lake. After discussion, the managers directed Barr to investigate further the potential causes of the degrading water quality in Lake Edith and present the information and a suggested 2011 monitoring plan with a cost estimate.

**MANAGERS’ REPORT**

**Draft 2010 Annual Report**  The managers reviewed and offered comments on the draft 2010 Annual Report. The managers will continue to review the draft and provide comments.

**Consent Calendar**  After discussion, **motion** was made by Buccheck and seconded by Borash to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting - April 14, 2011**  Treasurer Borash may be absent. All other managers plan to attend the meeting.

**2011 Budget Tracking**  President Buccheck will update the budget tracking report with the information included in the February Treasurer’s report and bring the report to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**
None.

**NEW BUSINESS**
None.

**FUTURE ITEMS**
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**
**Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by Managers on 4/14/2011

**CONSENT CALENDAR**
The following items were approved by the Board of Managers:

1. **Plant Cost-Share Grants**
   
   A. A $500 plant grant to Mr. Joseph Leary to plant a native buffer, replace buckthorn, and stabilize a slope of a steep gully located 2,000 feet from the St. Croix River.

   B. A $500 plant grant to Ms. Pam Beytien to plant a native buffer and replace buckthorn on a shore of a pond that has direct drainage to Olson Lake.