VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 857 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers APPROVED
Thursday, May 12, 2011 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; Ray Marshall, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: The owners of the River Valley Riders; Chuck Taylor and Roger Johnson, CAC; Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the April 28, 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 Chuck Taylor reported on the basin water levels. Roger Johnson reported in the copper sulfate treatments and potentially applying for a DNR grant to treat Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake DeMontreville.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported that there are no new projects, but that he was planning a follow up meeting with Century College.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Marshall reported that the VBWD MS4 Public Hearing notice had been published.

TREASURER’S REPORT None

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Mr. Jay Riggs gave a presentation on the Washington County conservation plan.

ENGINEER’S REPORT Permit Request: River Valley Riders, Afton After project review and discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to approve the River Valley Riders, permit 2011-06. Motion carried unanimously.
Permit Request: SP-626-56 I-694 Concrete Overlay, Oakdale, Pine Springs  After project review and discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the I694 concrete overlay, permit 2011-02. Motion carried unanimously.

Plan Amendment  After review and discussion, motion was made by Buchek and seconded by Borash to approve the May 6, 2011 draft plan amendment and directed Barr Engineering to submit it to the review agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

Project 1007 Manhole within Barton Pit  Engineer Hanson reported that he had received the invoice from Minger Construction for the work on the manhole in Barton Pit. There was an additional $500.00 in project costs. After project review and discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to approve the $4800.00 payment to Minger Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

MS4 Public Hearing  At 8:00 pm President Buchek made a motion, seconded by Borash, to suspend the managers meeting and to open the public hearing for comments on the annual report for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems for the 2010 calendar year for VBWD. Motion carried unanimously. President Buchek asked for comments to the annual report, and hearing none, President Buchek closed the hearing at 8:02 pm for MS4, and resumed the managers meeting.

MS4 2010 Annual Report  After discussion, motion was made by Buchek and seconded by Lucas to approve the annual report for MS4 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Stream Improvement Options  At the request of the Managers, Barr Engineering completed the Valley Creek Feasibility study. Steve Hobbs, the Belwin Executive Director, is requesting assistance from VBWD to have Barr Engineering provide additional information and meet him for a field visit. After review and discussion, the managers decided not to have Barr Engineering do any additional work on the study.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
2010 Financial Audit  After review and discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to approve the 2010 financial audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver Lake Outlet  Vice President Fetcher was meeting with the residents of Silver Lake and Ramsey County to discuss the recent tampering with the outlet structure on Silver Lake.

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

Next Meeting - May 26, 2011  President Buchek and Secretary Lucas will be absent.

Trout Brook  Secretary Lucas reported that she had recently seen an orange color in Trout Brook in Afton State Park. Engineer Hanson will notify the Administrator for the South Washington Watershed District of the problem.

VBWD Budget Tracking  President Buchek reported that he had met with Recording Secretary Imse and the she will be taking over the budget tracking duties. The budget report will be distributed on a monthly basis for the managers to review.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.
FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 9:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

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

1. BMP Cost-Share Grants
   A. A $500 native plant grant to Barb Wolle and Elger Lorenzsonn to stabilize an erosion problem within the Mergen's Pond watershed.

Minutes Approved by Managers on 6/9/2011