VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 860 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers APPROVED
Thursday, July 14, 2011 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: Dr. Jim Almendinger, Science Museum of Minnesota; Erik Anderson, Washington Conservation District; Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Jeff Swan, Paul Swan, Barb Swan and Tom Germscheid, Silver Lake Residents; Ginny Gaynor, City of Maplewood; Ron Leaf, SEH.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the June 23, 2011 meeting minutes, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Item #4 under Engineers Report-BMP signs. Item #5 under Engineers Report-BMP approval process.

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor reported on the current lake levels and precipitation. Recording Secretary Imse posted the report on the VBWD website.

SECRETARY’S REPORT None

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on the following projects: Cimarron Park, 3M Site in Oakdale, Property on Century Avenue, Property on Raleigh Creek, and the City of Grant roadway project on Ideal Avenue.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT None

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Borash requested that the Managers submit their completed per diem forms. Treasurer Borash reported that VBWD had received the first half tax settlement.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Dr. Jim Almendinger and Erik Anderson were present to propose to the Managers that the Washington Conservation District take over the monitoring duties for the Valley Creek Stream for the remainder of 2011 and 2012, and Dr. Almendinger would continue to provide the data analysis for VBWD. After discussion, motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Marchan to approve the proposed Valley Creek monitoring by
the Washington Conservation District and the data analysis provided by Dr. Almendinger plan and budget. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Permit Request: Joy Park Phase II Improvements  Engineer Hanson presented the permit for the Managers to review. Ginny Gaynor from the City of Maplewood and Ron Leaf from SEH were present to answer questions regarding the permit. Jeff and Barb Swan, residents that are adjacent to the proposed park improvements were present to request that VBWD deny the permit. While the Managers were sympathetic to the homeowner concerns, the permit complied with the VBWD standards. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to approve permit request 2011-12 Joy Park Phase II Improvements. Motion carried 3-1 with Manager Lucas opposed, and Manager Fetcher recused himself from the vote.

Silver Lake Outlet  At the June 23, 2011 Board meeting, the Managers directed Barr Engineering to investigate the impacts if modifying the geometry of the weir plate at the Silver Lake outlet. Barr used existing computer models to evaluate the water levels on Silver Lake for the 2-year 24-hour design storm. Barr also discussed the possibility of modifying the outlet with the Department of Natural Resources. The Managers reviewed the summary of findings. While modifying the Silver Lake outlet would reduce the peak water level at the lake, obtaining easements around the entire lake would be very expensive. The managers decided to take no further action.

Mahtomedi Elementary School  Engineer Hanson had sent the Managers draft comments regarding the proposed Mahtomedi Elementary School for the Managers to review. To meet the requested deadline, Engineer Hanson had finalized and sent the letter. Officials from Rice Creek Watershed District and the school will meet with Engineer Hanson to discuss revisions to the plans to protect Sunnybrook Lake.

BMP Signs  Angie Hong with the East Metro Water Resource Education Program contacted VBWD to see if they would like to purchase BMP signs to be placed at various BMP project sites throughout the District to promote the VBWD BMP Cost Share program. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the purchase of the signs for up to $1500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

BMP Approval Process  The managers discussed the BMP approval process. Vice President Fetcher will contact Rusty Schmidt with the Washington Conservation District to discuss.

MANAGERS’ REPORT

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

Next Meeting - July 28, 2011  All managers plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan at 9:13 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR
The following items were approved at the July 14, 2011 meeting:

1. **BMP Cost-Share Payments**
   A. Final payment of $1,250.00 to Sonrisa and Matt Shaw.
   B. Final payment of $2,500.00 to Chuck and Kim Knandel.
   C. Final payment if $479.46 to Pat McAllister.

Minutes Approved by Managers on 7/28/2011