VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 862 Held in the
Lake Elmo City Council Chambers   APPROVED
Thursday, August 25, 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:  Brian Buchmayer and Sue Falk, Friends of Long Lake Homeowners Association; Christopher Klucas, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS  President Bucheck announced that he and Ed Marchan are up for re-appointment for the VBWD Board. Both President Bucheck and Manager Marchan had decided to apply to serve another term.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  After discussion of the July 28, 2011 meeting minutes, motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  Item #4 under Engineers Report-Cloverdale and Sunfish Lake algal toxin testing. Item #6 under Managers Report-The Minnesota Waters tour.

PUBLIC FORUM  None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  No report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  Inspector Roemmich reported on the following projects: Washington County Highway 13B, River Valley Riders, and Cedar Bluff development in Afton.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  Attorney Marshall reported that he published the 2012 VBWD budget meeting notice which will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 8pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2011, dated July 2011, and the Treasurer's Report dated August 25, 2011. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  No report.
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Watershed Protection and Restoration Program  Mr. Christopher Klucas with the MPCA provided the managers an overview of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program. The managers thanked Mr. Klucas for attending the meeting. The managers made no decisions on whether to participate in the program.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

**Long Lake Aquatic Plant Survey Results**  Engineer Hanson provided the Long Lake aquatic plant survey results. The managers reviewed the results and future suggested management tasks for the lake. Brian Buchmayer and Sue Falk with the Friends of Long Lake Homeowners Association were present to thank the VBWD for the work done on Long Lake and requested the possibility of future partnership for further management of the aquatic plants in the lake. The VBWD will continue to fund the point-intercept aquatic plant survey in 2012.

**Plan Amendment**  The VBWD received two comments regarding their plan amendment. The managers reviewed the responses to the comments and directed Engineer Hanson to send them. The VBWD plan amendment public hearing will be on September 22, 2011 at 8pm. Attorney Marshall will publish notice.

**Washington County Two-Foot Topography Mapping Purchase**  With the addition of the former Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization area to VBWD, the VBWD needed to update their maps. After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to approve the purchase of the two-foot topography map from Washington County for $1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Eagle Point Lake Dam**  The VBWD is working with Prairie Restoration on the vegetation management project to the Eagle Point Dam. The purpose of the project was to remove crown vetch from the dam to prevent further erosion of the dam, and to establish native species based vegetative cover to also prevent erosion. The project has been successful in removing the crown vetch, but the percent cover of native species is not as good as had been planned. VBWD contract with Prairie Restorations for vegetation maintenance is through 2011. The managers discussed further maintenance of the native species cover to the dam and the estimated cost. The managers made no decision to the maintenance of the dam and directed Barr Engineering to contact Washington County about mowing practices to reduce the spread of spotted knapweed.

**Cloverdale/Sunfish Lake Algal Toxin Testing**  Barr Engineering recommended the algal toxin testing be done on Cloverdale Lake instead of Sunfish Lake. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the algal toxin testing be done to Cloverdale Lake instead of Sunfish Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGERS’ REPORT**

**Lakes DeMontreville and Olson Shoreline/No Wake Provisions by the City of Lake Elmo**  Vice President Fetcher toured the lakes and found that the lakes were above the OHW, but that the shoreline was in great shape. The VBWD will keep monitoring the water levels.

**2012 Budget**  President Bucheck provided the managers with an over view of the 2012 draft budget. Each manager provided feedback and President Bucheck will update the draft and provide a copy for review at the next Board meeting. Attorney Marshall will publish notice for the VBWD 2012 budget hearing which will be held on September 8, 2011 at 8pm. The preliminary levy certification is due to Washington County by September 15, 2011.

**Consent Calendar**  After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve final payment to Mary Brown for $405.11 for native plantings and final payment to Joe Leary for $500.00 for native plantings. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fall Tour**  The managers scheduled a fall tour of VBWD on Saturday, September 10 at 9am. Engineer Hanson and President Bucheck will provide further details of the tour.
Next Meeting - September 8, 2011  All managers plan to attend.

The Minnesota Waters Tour  None of managers plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas at 10:29 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 August 25, 2011 meeting:

1. BMP Cost-Share Payments
   A. Final payment of $405.11 to Mary Brown.
   B. Final payment of $500.00 to Joe Leary.

Minutes Approved by Managers 9/8/2011