VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 863 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 8, 2011

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; Barb Wolle, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald Galowitz and Wolle; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee; Carrie Brockman

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
After discussion of the August 25, 2011 meeting minutes, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS
None

PUBLIC FORUM
None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Chuck Taylor presented his September 1st basin water level and August precipitation 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 Wolle presented the following documents for VBWD signature: The public notice for the VBWD Watershed Plan Amendment public hearing, Cedar Bluffs maintenance agreement, bank documents.

TREASURER’S REPORT
None

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
No report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT
Valley Creek Vegetation Payment Application After discussion, President Bucheck authorized Treasurer Borash to submit payment in the amount of $873.71 to Prairie Restorations, Inc. for the Valley Creek Vegetation project. The VBWD managers approved the payment in the Treasurer’s Report dated August 25, 2011.
MANAGERS’ REPORT
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) Watershed Protection and Restoration Program  After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucas to approve VBWD participation in the MPCA's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and authorized Engineer Hanson to work with the MPCA to develop and cover the cost of a work plan for the program.  Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar  After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve the consent calendar.  Motion carried unanimously.  Rusty Schmidt contacted President Bucheck to see if VBWD would be interested in cost sharing in projects with the City of Lake Elmo and Washington County.  The VBWD managers directed Engineer Hanson to contact Rusty for further information on the projects and possible funding for these projects in the 2012 VBWD Cost Share Program.

Fall Tour  The managers scheduled a fall tour of VBWD on Saturday, September 10 at 9am.  Engineer Hanson provided a draft itinerary for the tour.  President Bucheck, Vice President Fetcher, Secretary Lucas, Manager Marchan, Engineer Hanson, Attorney Marshall, and Recording Secretary Imse plan to attend.

2012 Budget Hearing  At 8:00 p.m. President Bucheck suspended the regular meeting and opened the 2012 budget hearing.  Carrie Brockman, from the public, was present and voiced her concerns about raising the VBWD levy for 2012.  The VBWD Managers thanked Ms. Brockman for providing her comments.  President Bucheck closed the 2012 budget hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

2012 Budget  President Bucheck provided the managers with an updated draft of the 2012 budget.  After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to approve the VBWD 2012 budget levy at $801,125 which represents a 25% increase.  A roll call vote was done:
President Bucheck-Yes
Vice President Fetcher-Yes
Treasurer Borash-No
Secretary Lucas-No
Manager Marchan-No
The motion failed.

Motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Bucheck to approve the VBWD 2012 budget levy at $721,970 which represents a 15% increase.  A roll call vote was done:
President Bucheck-Yes
Vice President Fetcher-No
Treasurer Borash-No
Secretary Lucas-No
Manager Marchan-No
The motion failed.

Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Bucheck to approve the VBWD 2012 budget levy at $760,000.  A roll call vote was done:
President Bucheck-Yes
Vice President Fetcher-No
Treasurer Borash-No
Secretary Lucas-No
Manager Marchan-No
The motion failed.

At 8:39 p.m., President Bucheck called for a 5 minutes recess.  At 8:44 p.m., President Bucheck reconvened the regular meeting.
**Motion** was made by Lucas and seconded by Bucheck to approve the VBWD 2012 budget levy at $721,970 which represents a 15% increase.
A roll call vote was done:
- President Bucheck-Yes
- Vice President Fetcher-Yes
- Treasurer Borash-No
- Secretary Lucas-Yes
- Manager Marchan-No

The motion passed in a 3-2 vote. Treasurer Borash will submit the Preliminary 2012 Tax Levy Certification Form to Washington County.

Next Meeting - September 22, 2011  All managers plan to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**
None.

**NEW BUSINESS**
None.

**FUTURE ITEMS**
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 8:47 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 September 8, 2011 meeting:

1. **BMP Cost-Share Payments**
   A. Final payment of $1,250.00 to Elena and Sonrisa Shaw.
   B. Final payment of $1,000.00 to Ernest and Mary Ann Reeh.
   C. Final payment of $2,500.00 to Roni Nelson.
   D. Final payment of $2,500.00 to Jeff Brower and Donna Dalton.
   E. Final payment of $387.10 to Alicia Paulsen and Mike Anderson.
   F. Final payment of $324.78 to Joe Leary.

Minutes approved by Managers on 9/22/2011