VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 891
Held in the Lake Elmo City Hall
Thursday, January 10, 2013

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: Rusty Schmidt, 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 December 13, 2012 meeting minutes, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS
None

PUBLIC FORUM
None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Copies of Chuck Taylor's precipitation report for December had been emailed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT
None

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank
Attorney Marshall will provide an update to the Managers on the wetland bank, and he will be contacting the Wildflowers Shores Homeowners Association.

Managers Oath of Office
The managers signed the oath of office for 2013. Attorney Marshall will file the oaths

TREASURER’S REPORT
None

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Rusty Schmidt gave a summary presentation on the VBWD Best Management Practices grants program for 2012. Rusty also provided some programming suggestions for the 2013 BMP program for the managers to consider.
ENGINEER’S REPORT

Watershed Restoration Program  Engineer Hanson provided an update on the progress of the Watershed Restoration Program.

Dam Inspections  The 2012 annual inspection of Eagle Point Lake Dam and Interstate I94 Rest Area Dam were completed in November 2012. The managers reviewed the inspection report. The inspection revealed the dams to be in generally good condition.

Letter of Support, City of Woodbury Request to Washington County's Land and Water Legacy Report  Engineer Hanson drafted a letter of support on behalf of the VBWD for the City of Woodbury's application to the Washington County's Land and Water Legacy program for the purchase of land at the headwaters of the south fork of Valley Creek. The managers reviewed the letter and authorized Engineer Hanson to submit the letter to the City of Woodbury.

Washington County Stormwater Rules Workgroup  The Managers reviewed the stormwater rules and regulation work plan summary provided by the Washington County Consortium work group. The Workgroup is asking for feedback from each of the watershed districts on the 3 options on how to best apply the stormwater rules and regulations. After discussion, the managers were in favor of option 2 for attempting to develop uniform definitions across the watershed districts.

MANAGERS’ REPORT

BMP Cost Share Inspections of Projects within Ramsey County  The managers reviewed the BMP Cost Share inspection report for Ramsey County from Ryan Johnson.

BMP Cost Share Program Reimbursement  After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to approve the BMP Cost Share payment to Danette Jahnke and Richard Leonard in the amount of $1,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 Budget  President Bucheck will update the 2013 budget spreadsheet and bring back to the next meeting for the managers to review.

Biennial Solicitation of Proposals for Legal, Professional, and Technical Services  After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to re-appoint Barr Engineering for calendar years 2013 and 2014. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion a motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Marchan to re-appoint Lawson Marshall McDonald & Galowitz to represent VBWD for 2013 and 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Afton Meetings  Secretary Lucas and Engineer Hanson had attended the City of Afton's flood protection meeting. Secretary Lucas provided an update on the meeting. Secretary Lucas will be attending another Afton meeting on January 15 regarding the City of Woodbury's well installation.

Silver Lake Bioretention Basin  Vice President Fetcher invited the North St. Paul representatives to a VBWD meeting to discuss the basin issues, and received no response back from the City. Vice President Fetcher will attempt to contact the City again.

Next Meetings - January 24, 2013 and February 14, 2013  Secretary Lucas will be absent at the January 24 meeting. All other Mangers plan to attend. The managers will discuss whether to hold, reschedule, or cancel the February 14 meeting at the next VBWD meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
The managers asked Engineer Hanson to invite the DNR to their February 24 meeting to discuss the agency’s stocking of fish in Lake Elmo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 1/24/2013