VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 896
Held in the Lake Elmo City Hall
Thursday, April 25, 2013

MANAGERS PRESENT:  David Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Jill Lucas, Secretary; Dale Borash, Treasurer; and Ed Marchan, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT:  None

STAFF PRESENT:  John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Bill Armstrong, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald and Galowitz; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT:  None

OTHERS PRESENT:  Roger Johnson, Citizens Advisory Committee

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 11, 2013 meeting minutes, motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Marchan to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  Item 5 under Managers Report:  State of the Mississippi River

PUBLIC FORUM  Roger Johnson gave an update to the managers regarding the City of Lake Elmo City Council's recent decision on adjusting the surface water wake ordinance. Mr. Johnson expressed his concerns with changing of the ordinance and requested VBWD support of not changing the ordinance. The managers appreciated his update and offered BMP assistance for lake shore owners to participate in the VBWD Cost Share Program.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  None

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank
Attorney Marshall will provide an update to the managers on the wetland bank at the next VBWD meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2013, dated March 2013, and the Treasurer's Report dated April 25, 2013. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Borash distributed draft copies of the 2012 Annual Financial Report. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to authorize the Treasurer to sign the representation letter for the 2012 financial audit. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION  Tara Kline with the Washington Conservation District informed the VBWD of an extension request for a residential raingarden project. After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by
Marchan to approve the extension request of October 15, 2013 for the Sue Prokosch BMP cost share project. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT  None

MANAGERS’ REPORT
Washington Conservation District BMP Database  After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Fetcher to approve VBWD participation in the Washington Conservation District BMP database set up and implementation for up to $5,000.00. Treasurer Borash and Manager Marchan oppose. The motion passes on a 3-2 vote.

Draft 2013 Goals  The managers reviewed the draft 2013 goals and made additional changes to them. After discussion, motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to adopt the 2013 VBWD goals as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Rules and Regulations  The draft updated rules and regulations were sent out for comments in December 2012. The comment period deadline was extended to March 31, 2013. The managers began discussion of the comments and draft responses at the meeting. They will continue at the May 16th workshop.

Next Meetings - May 9, 2013, and May 16, 2013 (workshop), and May 23, 2013  All managers plan to attend the meetings.

State of the Mississippi River  Vice President Fetcher reported on the presentation on the State of the Mississippi River report.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 5/9/2013