VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 923
Held at Lawson Law Firm
Thursday, August 14, 2014

MANAGERS PRESENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; and Ed Marchan, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: David Buchek, President; Jill Lucas, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald and Galowitz; and Ray Roemmich, Inspector

STAFF ABSENT: Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Erickson (Easton Village); Leonard Horejsi (Sunnybrook Lake); Stu Grubb and Mark Erickson (Jasmine Hills); and Ryan Bluhm and James Gasperini (Hammes Property)

CALL TO ORDER Vice President Fether called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the July 24, 2014 meeting minutes, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS None

PUBLIC FORUM Leonard Horejsi of 6890 Jocelyn Road informed the Board that the water level of Kraemer’s Pond is very high yet the water level of Keats Pond is low. He also said that Jocelyn Road has some paint markings on it. Vice President Fether suggested that Mr. Horejsi talk with the Grant City Council.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Vice President Fether announced that Chuck Taylor’s water level report had been distributed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported that he had visited several individual homeowner property sites. He said some other projects have some issues, but in general projects are ok.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Marshall reported that he had a maintenance agreement for the Kwik Trip project, but because it had been prepared for President Buchek and Secretary Lucas’ signatures, he would get their signatures at another time.

TREASURER’S REPORT None

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT None

ENGINEER’S REPORT Permit Request: Hammes Property, Lake Elmo After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve permit 2014-07, Hammes Property in Lake Elmo with suggested site specific conditions. Motion carried unanimously.


Permit Request: Easton Village, Lake Elmo  After discussion, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve permit 2014-02, Easton Village in Lake Elmo with the revised conditions and additional conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Jasmine Hills, Grant  After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve permit 2014-18, Jasmine Hills in Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Woodbury NE Lift Station L77 and Forcemain Improvements  **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve permit 2014-21, Woodbury NE Lift Station L77 and Forcemain Improvements in Woodbury. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit Request: Oak-Land Junior High School Tennis Courts  **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to amend permit 2014-01, Oak-Land Tennis Courts Reconstruction in Lake Elmo. Motion carried unanimously.

McDonald Lake  After discussion regarding the apparent unpermitted treatment of aquatic plants, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and share the photographs, observations, and other information. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-2025 VBWD Watershed Management Plan  Revised policy sections of the draft plan had been mailed to the managers. Vice President provided comments regarding his suggested revisions to Section 4.9 – Administration and Funding.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
City of North St. Paul City Council Meeting  Vice President Fetcher reported that he had met with the City Manager to discuss the Silver Lake Bioretention Site and will be meeting with the City Council in a workshop on August 19.

WRAPS Meetings  Vice President Fetcher announced the details for the upcoming meetings.

Wilcox Turf to Prairie Clean Water Fund Grant  **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher to approve final payment of $1,695.75 to Jesse Wilcox of 14725 Afton Boulevard South in Afton. Motion carried unanimously.

Grecian Foxglove  After discussion of the letter sent by Tara Kline of Washington Conservation District, **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve providing a 25% match up to $1,000 for spray herbicide to kill Grecian foxglove in VBWD. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings  Vice President Fetcher and possibly Treasurer Borash will be absent at the August 28th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT  **Motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 9:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ed Marchan
Ed Marchan, Acting-Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 9/25/2014