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

MANAGER ABSENT:  Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President

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

STAFF ABSENT:  None

OTHERS PRESENT:  Chuck Taylor, Citizens Advisory Committee

CALL TO ORDER  President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  The August 14, 2014 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the next VBWD meeting. After discussion, motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Marchan to approve the August 28, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS  Under Engineer’s Report-Item G4-Red Oak Preserve, G5-Legal boundary adjustment, and G6-Clean Water Fund Grants.

PUBLIC FORUM  None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  Chuck Taylor was present to discuss the lake level report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT  Inspector Roemmich reported on the following projects: Mahtomedi sewer project, Hammes, Savona, Afton resident permit, Eastview, Eaglebrook Church, and Brockman Trucking.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT  Attorney Marshall will be sending the managers the Project 1007 permit agreement with MnDOT. The City of Lake Elmo might want to connect to the system in the 35th/36th Street North project. The managers will review the permit agreement with MnDOT to determine if connections to the system are allowed.

TREASURER’S REPORT  Treasurer Borash thanked Recording Secretary Imse for mailing the VBWD bills in his absence. The VBWD received the audit engagement letter for the VBWD 2015 financial audit from Redpath and Company. After discussion, a motion was made by Borash and seconded by Lucas to authorize the VBWD Treasurer to sign and send the engagement letter to Redpath and Company for the 2015 financial audit. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  None
ENGINEER’S REPORT

Sunfish Lake Water Levels At the June 12, 2014 VBWD meeting, the managers directed Barr Engineering to develop a hydrologic and hydraulic model of Sunfish Lake to evaluate the water quality and quantity impacts of a potential runoff to Sunfish Lake from a portion of Downs Lake. The findings from the study are that the potential runoff would not cause any flooding to homes on Sunfish Lake. There would be minimal water quality impact, due to the additional runoff diverted to Sunfish Lake appears to be helping dilute the phosphorus concentration. The Managers discussed the findings. They do not plan to take any action to present the information to the landowners adjacent to Sunfish Lake nor take any action to implement a diversion project. Barr Engineering will follow up with the County’s consultant to evaluate the benefit the diversion scenarios would have on Downs Lake.

8020 DeMontreville Trail Circle Throughout the summer, the managers have discussed three unpermitted culvert crossings along an intermittent creek at 8060 DeMontreville Trail Circle. The current property owners did not install the crossings. Neither the City of Lake Elmo nor VBWD permitted the installation of the crossings. The unpermitted crossings are causing flooding issues for the neighboring property owner. The managers directed Barr Engineering to provide alternatives for the culvert crossings that would reduce the flooding and would conform to the VBWD Rules. The managers reviewed the cost estimates. After discussion, the managers directed Barr Engineering to meet with the property owners at 8060 DeMontreville Trail Circle, and present the cost estimates of alternatives, see if he still thinks he needs all three crossings, and request that he attend a VBWD managers’ meeting.

2015-2025 VBWD Watershed Management Plan The individual basin water quality summary figures within the current VBWD Management Plan and VBWD Annual Report use a summertime average that is slightly different than the summertime average currently used by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Recalculation of the averages and updating the figures to be consistent with the MPCA is estimated to cost approximately $5,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Marchan to re-calculate the averages to be consistent with MPCA. Motion carried unanimously.

Red Oak Preserve In 2007 the VBWD issued a permit for the Red Oak Preserve for an on-site wetland replacement. The VBWD Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP), including a wetland scientist from Barr Engineering who represented the VBWD, reviewed the site and recommends the VBWD sign the Wetland Replacement Certificate of Compliance. After discussion, a motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Marchan to approve the Wetland Replacement Certificate of Compliance for the Red Oak Preserve wetland. Motion carried unanimously. President Bucheck signed the Wetland Replacement Certificate of Compliance.

Legal Boundary Adjustment With continued land development within VBWD and adjacent Brown’s Creek and South Washington Watershed District’s, VBWD would like to work with Washington County to potentially adjust the watershed boundaries.

Clean Water Fund Grant Submittals The managers reviewed potential Clean Water Fund (CWF) grant projects for submittal. After discussion, the managers directed Barr Engineering to prepare two grants. One grant for the Downs Lake watershed, including stormwater reuse/irrigation/Lake Elmo Village, and another grant for investigating failing septic systems in the Kelle’s Creek area and helping to replace failed systems.

MANAGERS’ REPORT

2015 Budget Hearing At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Borash to suspend the regular meeting and open the 2015 budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously. No public was present for the 2015 budget hearing. A motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to close the 2015 budget hearing and resume the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. President Bucheck reconvened the regular meeting.

2015 Budget At the August 28th meeting the managers approved the VBWD 2015 preliminary levy of $752,167.00. The managers authorized Treasurer Borash to submit the 2015 VBWD preliminary budget certification to Ramsey and Washington Counties and the State of Minnesota.

Consent Calendar After discussion, motion was made by Bucheck and seconded by Lucas to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.
Next Meetings – September 25, 2014 and October 9, 2014 Secretary Lucas may absent from the September 25th meeting. All other managers plan to attend.

Kraemer Pond Culvert Engineer Hanson will contact the City of Grant to discuss the culvert replacement.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 9/25/2014

Consent Calendar
Consent calendar items are generally defined as items of routine business, not requiring discussion, and approved in one vote. The Managers may elect to pull a consent calendar item(s) for discussion and/or separate action.

The following items are presented for Board approval/adoption:

Best Management Practices Cost-Share Projects
A. A $790.00 Buckthorn Grant for Cathy Gerke at 9440 53rd St. N., Lake Elmo, in the Lake Jane subwatershed
B. A $1,005.00 Buckthorn Grant for Jack St. Ores at 5150 Muir Ave N., Baytown Township, in the McDonald Lake subwatershed
C. A $500.00 Plant Grant for Cheryl and Michael Kelly at 14025 44th St., Afton, in the Kelles Creek subwatershed
D. A $500.00 Plant Grant for David and Debra Downing at 5135 Lake Elmo Ave N., Lake Elmo, in the Goetschel Pond subwatershed
E. A $2,500.00 Individual Grant for Shelia Schlechte at 2697 Greystone Ave N., Oakdale, in the Raleigh Creek subwatershed
F. Final payment of $761.21 for an Individual Grant to Wes Noyes at 1720 Oakgreen Ave N., West Lakeland Township
G. Final payment of $429.00 for a Plant Grant to Norma Sidler at 4580 Birchbark Trl. N., Lake Elmo
H. Final payment of $2,351.75 for an Individual Grant to Laura Phelan at 3250 Kraft Circle N., Lake Elmo