VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 945
Held in the City of Lake Elmo City Hall APPROVED
Thursday, August 13, 2015 MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dave Bucheck, President (7:30 pm); Dale Borash, Treasurer; Jill Lucas, Secretary; and Ed Marchan, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President

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

STAFF ABSENT: Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Taylor, CAC; Warren Langstraat, 3904 River Road S, Afton; Kevin and Kirsten Langstraat, 2918 River Road S, Afton; Peter Hill, 13212 McCounty Road, Minnetonka; Mark Have, Afton; Tara Kline, James Landini, and Tara Kelly, WCD

CALL TO ORDER Secretary Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion, motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the July 23, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS None

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Chuck Taylor reviewed his lake level and precipitation report with the managers. He requested that the Washington Conservation District consider moving the Horseshoe Lake gauge to a location where it can be viewed from a road and not blocked by vegetation.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich reported on an unpermitted site at Long Lake in Pine Springs; Koch Pipeline in Lake Elmo/Pine Springs/Grant; Lake Elmo Village; Wildflower at Lake Elmo; Village Preserve in Lake Elmo; Easton Village in Lake Elmo; Easton Village Utilities in Lake Elmo; Oak-Land Jr. High Tennis Courts in Lake Elmo; and St. Croix Trail in Afton.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Attorney Torseth reviewed email correspondence between Mr. Casey, who is representing the Citizens for Valley Creek, and herself. She reported that the requested documents were inspected by the members of the group. She also asked the managers and Engineer Hanson send her via email all information pertaining to the proposed Afton Wastewater Treatment System. After 7:30, Attorney Torseth presented the Village Preserve Stormwater Treatment Facility Maintenance Agreement for the Village Preserve permit for President Bucheck and Secretary Lucas to sign, which they did. Attorney Torseth reported she had received a copy of the maintenance agreement for the Easton Village permit, but not an original so she will obtain the original.

TREASURER’S REPORT None
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT  With the managers, Tara Kline and James Landini reviewed the
Charlie Wamstad Grassed Waterway Cost-Share Application, the Weissner/Hill Grade-Control Cost-Share Application,
and the Kevin Murphy Grassed Waterway Cost-Share Application. Ms. Kline, Mr. Landini, Engineer Hanson, and the
Langstraats discussed with the managers the request for slope-stabilization assistance on the Langstraats’ properties.
The managers agreed to support efforts to stabilize the slope and will communicate with the City of Afton staff.
Motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Marchan to approve $4,500.20 for the Wamstad project, $15,072 for the
Weissner/Hill project, and $2,033.20 for the Murphy project. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT
 Permit Request: Wamstad Grassed Waterway, Afton  After discussion, motion was made by Borash and
seconded by Marchan to approve permit 2015-20, Wamstad Grassed Waterway in Afton with the amended suggested
site-specific conditions and applicable standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Valley Creek Stabilization Projects  Attorney Torseth reported the status of the easements. Engineer Hanson
asked the managers to consider allowing President Bucheck to sign the agreement with the awarded contractor, Nadeau
Companies, before the next managers’ meeting if the required easements are obtained. Motion by Borash and
seconded by Lucas to authorize President Bucheck to sign the agreement with Nadeau Companies for the VBWD Clean
Water Fund Valley Creek Ravine Stabilizations. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS’ REPORT
 Consent Calendar  Motion by Bucheck and seconded by Marchan to approve the consent calendar. Motion
carried unanimously.

Human Endeavors Request for Presentation  After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to suggest
that Mr. Elston present his information at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting and trade
show and/or other conferences.

Next Meetings – August 27 and September 10, 2015  Secretary Lucas might be absent from the September 10
meeting. All of the other managers plan to attend the meetings.

CONTINUATION OF WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT  President Bucheck summarized a
request to Tara Kline by a consultant for the owner of Wildflower at Lake Elmo. The request is for VBWD to pay for
costs to investigate installing a system to use stormwater for irrigation. After discussion, the managers asked Ms. Kline
to request the consultant to attend a future managers’ meeting to discuss the request.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jill Lucas

Jill Lucas, Secretary
Minutes approved by managers 8/27/2015

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 the Managers’ approval:
a. $5,000 Individual Grant for native plantings to Lynette Kramer at 8010 DeMontreville Trail Ct. N. in Lake Elmo within the Lake DeMontreville subwatershed.
b. $2,750 Individual Grant for a native prairie to Matt Phillion at 5290 Jamaca Blvd N. in Lake Elmo within the Lake DeMontreville subwatershed.
c. Final payment of $200 for an Individual Grant to Kira Warden at 14270 42nd St. S. in Afton.
d. Final payment of $700 for an Individual Grant to Jean Melin at 5295 Neal Ave N. in Baytown Township.
e. An extension until December 2015 for a Buckthorn Removal Grant to Cathy and Chuck Gierke at 9440 53rd Street N. in Lake Elmo.