MANAGERS PRESENT: Jill Lucas, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Anthony Haider, Secretary; and Ed Marchan, Treasurer

MANAGER ABSENT: Dave Sewell, Manager

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Susannah Torseth, Attorney, Galowitz Olson; Jeff Brower, Inspector; and Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Gelbmann and John Mueller, Silver Lake Improvement Association; Matt Downing, Washington Conservation District; Steve Keene, Bob Kisch, and Mike Kraemer, Sunnybrook Lake

CALL TO ORDER

President Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (Additions/Deletions/Corrections) None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan approve the agenda for April 25, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve Keene expressed concerned about the high water level at Sunnybrook Lake. The managers informed Mr. Keene that pumping was occurring at the Indian Hills Golf Course to help alleviate the high water level at Sunnybrook Lake. Mr. Michael Kraemer thanked the VBWD for going out and touring the high water level at Sunnybrook Lake.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Engineer Hanson requested to remove the Lake Elmo Local Surface Water Management Plan (LSWMP) from the Consent Calendar. Engineer Hanson reported that VBWD has not received the Metropolitan Council’s comments on the Lake Elmo LSWMP, and suggested Barr Engineering review the Met Council’s comments prior to VBWD approving the Lake Elmo LSWMP. A motion was made by Haider and seconded by Marchan to conditionally approve the Lake Elmo Local Surface Water Management Plan if there are no issues with the LSWMP based on Barr Engineering’s review of the Metropolitan Council comments. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider to approve the remaining items in the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. The following items were on the Consent Calendar:

- April 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Permit: MnDOT Oakdale Sign Shop
- City of Grant Local Surface Water Management Plan Approval
- Treasurer’s Report
UPDATES AND REQUESTS FROM PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CAC’s Website Modification Suggestions The managers received suggested website modifications on the VBWD website from the CAC Committee. The managers reviewed the list and made some comments. The managers will review the suggested website modifications with the full CAC at a later meeting.

Supplemental Funding of the Countywide Watercraft Inspection Program Matt Downing with the Washington Conservation District was present to discuss supplemental funding of the Countywide Watercraft Inspection Program. Silver Lake will be added to the watercraft inspection and will require funding. A motion was made by Haider and seconded by Fetcher to approve increase funding to $6,500 for watercraft inspections to include inspections on Silver Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

PERMITTING PROGRAM

Inspector Report Inspector Brower reported on the following projects: Cedar Bluffs, Legacy at North Star, Hadley/HWY 36, and Silver Lake. Inspector Brower reported on high water levels and general erosion control throughout projects in VBWD.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

2019 Water Monitoring Agreement with the Washington Conservation District Attorney Torseth reviewed the 2019 Water Monitoring agreement with the Washington Conservation District. A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the 2019 Water Monitoring agreement with the Washington Conservation District. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Project 1007 2019 Emergency Drawdown Summary The managers reviewed the Project 1007, 2019 emergency drawdown summary. No action taken.

Project 1007 Stop Log Replacement Prioritization As directed, Barr Engineering provided a Project 1007 stop log replacement prioritization for the managers to review. There are five locations that need to be replaced. The managers will discuss the Project 1007 stop log replacement during discussions on the VBWD 2020 budget.

2018 Annual Report The managers reviewed the draft 2018 VBWD Annual Report. A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider to approve the 2018 VBWD Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously. Barr Engineering will submit the report to the required agencies, and Recording Secretary Imse will post the report to the VBWD website.

Pine Springs Beaver Dam The VBWD received a reimbursement request for beaver trapping. A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider to approve the reimbursement request for beaver trapping for up to $500. Motion carried unanimously. Barr Engineering will inform the landowner.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Lake Jane Association Request for Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment Funding At the April 11, 2019 VBWD meeting, Denise Thompson provided a presentation on behalf of the Lake Jane Association to describe the Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) eradication efforts that have occurred on the lake, and asked VBWD to provide $10,000, which would fill the gap of funding they have already obtained to what they need to do the treatment in 2019. President Lucas confirmed that the VBWD paid for point-intercept aquatic plant surveys in 2017 and 2018, as well as the time to disseminate the information. Barr Engineering prepared a summary of VBWD funding of boat launch inspections, point-intercept aquatic plant surveys, survey analysis and reporting, and technical support, and how much VBWD has supported herbicide treatments in the past. After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Haider to decline the $10,000 funding request for the EWM treatment to Lake Jane. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

None
FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS

Next Meetings – May 9 and May 23, 2019  President Lucas and Secretary Haider will be absent for the May 9th meeting. All other managers plan to attend the meetings.

Meetings with Communities: President Lucas and Treasurer Marchan will attend the Baytown Township meeting on May 6th.

Rediscover Afton, May 18, 2019  President Lucas, Treasurer Marchan, and Inspector Brower plan to attend the Rediscover Afton event to promote the VBWD 50th Anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

Executive Closed Session  At 8:30 p.m., the managers suspended the regular board meeting and moved into an executive closed session. The managers discussed appraisals for 7150 Jocelyn Avenue and 6908 Jocelyn Avenue. The managers authorized future communication regarding appraisals and property purchase discussion/negotiation with property owners by the District’s President, Engineer and/or Attorney. At 9:10 p.m., a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Fetcher to conclude the executive closed session and reconvene the regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Lucas at 9:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Anthony Haider

Anthony Haider, Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 5/9/2019