VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1024
Held in Baytown Township Community Center           APPROVED
Thursday, August 22, 2019   MINUTES

MANAGERS PRESENT: Jill Lucas, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Ed Marchan, Treasurer and Dave Sewell

MANAGER ABSENT: None

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: Tony Haider; Link Lavey and Nathan Campbell, CAC; Vic and Phyllis Klindt, Joyce Kisch, Brandon Sundberg, Greg and Angela Wentz, and Gail Issa, Sunnybrook Lake; Keith Bergmann and Kris Lundquist, Lake Elmo; Dave Schultz, West Lakeland Township; and George Eilertson, Northland Securities

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (Additions/Deletions/Corrections)
Under Administrator’s Report-Item #3-Down’s Lake

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the agenda for August 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM
- Keith Bergmann and Kris Lundquist were present to state their concern about flooding issues around Lake Elmo Avenue, south of Highway 36. The managers are aware of the flooding issues along Lake Elmo Avenue as it has been identified by VBWD as one of the several sites with flooding issues. Mr. Bergmann requested that the flooding issue at Lake Elmo Avenue be part of a future VBWD agenda item for further discussion.
- Gail Issa inquired about the timing of the property appraisal for her parents’ (Horejsi) home in Grant, and she would like to have it completed by the end of September. Attorney Torseth thought that the appraisal would be complete before the end of September.
- Greg Wentz requested that VBWD utilize the pumping at Indian Hills golf course as much as possible to help elevate flooding at Sunnybrook Lake. The managers reported that the pumping is still continuing as long as there is enough storage capacity on the golf course. Inspector Brower has been checking the site regularly.
- Brandon Sundberg reported that there is no beaver dam upstream of his driveway.

CONSENT CALENDAR
A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. The following items were included:
- August 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Permit 2019-23: Lake Emo Park Reserve Modern Campground and Eagle Point Trail Improvements
- City of Woodbury Local Surface Water Management Plan
- Payments #5 and #6: Silver Lake Clean Water Fund Filtration Basin
- Treasurer’s Report
UPDATES AND REQUESTS FROM PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Link

Lavey reported on the recent Lake Elmo City Council proposed change to the no-wake ordinance on Lake DeMontreville and Olson.

PERMITTING PROGRAM

Inspector Report  Inspector Brower reported on the following projects: Islamic Center, Royal Oak, Valley Creek bridge, Hadley Avenue at HWY 36, North St. Paul street project. He also reported that he has been out inspecting various basins with all the recent rain events.

Springs at Lake Elmo  The permit holder is requesting to table the permit. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by March to table Permit 2019-16, Spring of Lake Elmo. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property Located at 7150 Jocelyn Road North, Grant  Attorney Torseth prepared Resolution 19-09. A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve Resolution 19-09 approving the purchase of the property located at 7150 Jocelyn Road North in Grant Minnesota. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote with Manager Sewell opposed.

Property Purchase Finance Considerations  Attorney Torseth prepared a memo for the managers to review showing additional costs for purchasing the properties within the Sunnybrook Lake area in Grant Minnesota. Attorney Torseth recommends VBWD transfer $15,000 to St. Croix Title to cover the costs. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to authorize VBWD transfer of $15,000 to the trust account of St. Croix Title to be disbursed upon the direction of the VBWD President and according to the terms of any Purchase Agreement executed between VBWD and a property in the Sunnybrook Lake area. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote with Manager Sewell opposed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Sunnybrook Lake Property Ownership Plans  With the VBWD purchase of homes within the Sunnybrook Lake area, decisions need to be made as to what to do with the purchased properties. Cliff Aichinger, the former Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Administrator, has submitted a proposal to provide VBWD property management services for those purchased properties in Sunnybrook Lake. The managers directed Barr Engineering to send out a Doodle poll for workshop in September to discuss actions to take with purchased properties.

2019 Budget  Engineer Hanson suggested revisions to the VBWD 2019 budget. The managers reviewed the suggestions. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Sewell to approve 2019 budget reallocations, and to notify Accountant Martinson of the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Down’s Lake  The recent rainfall events have caused high water levels at Down’s Lake. Down’s Lake is a landlocked basin. Barr Engineering provided options for the managers to consider to help alleviate the high water. After discussion, a motion was made by Sewell and seconded by Marchan to hire Buelow Excavating to pump water from The Royal Golf Club at Lake Elmo pond near 20th Street North and Manning Trail through the new subdivision’s infrastructure to Horseshoe Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Bond Award  Mr. George Eilertson with Northland Securities, Inc. was present to discuss with the managers the bond issuance process. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Sewell to approve Resolution 2019-10 relating to $1,945,000 General Obligation Drainage Bonds, series 2019A; authorizing the issuance, awarding the sale, fixing the form and details, and providing for the execution and delivery thereof and the security thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to appoint Dave Sewell to VBWD Pro-Tem Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
50th Anniversary  The 50th Anniversary event will be at Lift Bridge Brewery on September 12, 2019. Tony Haider, President Lucas, Barr Engineering, and Recording Secretary Imse with work on the details for the event. The event will include a short educational program.

Freshwater Society Salt Symposium  The VBWD received a request from the Freshwater Society for sponsorship of the Road Salt Symposium. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucas to approve $500 sponsorship of the Road Salt Symposium. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Treasurer Marchan opposed.

Cancellation of September 12th regular meeting and announcement of September 12th Special Meeting  The VBWD 50th Anniversary celebration is on Thursday September 12. The regular VBWD board meeting is cancelled. The managers will be have a special meeting on Thursday September 12 at 3:30 p.m. All managers plan to attend.

REPORTS

FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS
Valley Branch Watershed District Meetings: September 12, 3:30 p.m. and September 26, 7:00 p.m. 2019
All managers plan to attend.

2020 Watershed Management Organization Budget Presentation to Washington County Commissioners, Washington County Government Center, approximately 10:00 a.m., October 15  President Lucas, Vice President Fetcher, and Treasurer Marchan plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Dave Sewell

Dave Sewell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes approved by managers 9/4/2019