VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1018
Held in Baytown Township Community Center APPROVED
Thursday, May 9, 2019 MINUTES

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

MANAGER ABSENT: Jill Lucas, President and Anthony Haider, Secretary

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: Wendy Griffin, Lake Elmo; Mike Kraemer, Sunnybrook Lake; and Link Lavey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (Additions/Deletions/Corrections) Lake Olson inlet grate and frame.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the agenda for May 9, 2019 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM
Wendy Griffin was present to discuss the Washington County Lake Elmo Avenue street construction project and the issues that are happening on her property. The managers directed Barr Engineering and Inspector Brower to investigate the situation.
Mike Kraemer requested an update on the Sunnybrook Lake flooding. The managers provided information on the pumping efforts at Indian Hills golf course.

Lake Olson Inlet Grate and Frame
The managers discussed with Link Lavey options for preventing the grate on the outlet from clogging and preventing proper outflow. A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to authorize Barr Engineering to frequently visit the outlet and remove any debris for a cost of up to $2,000. The motion carried unanimously. The managers will review the situation at a later time, possibly during the 2020 budget setting process.

CONSENT CALENDAR
A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. The following items were on the Consent Calendar:

- April 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Recommendation for Payment: 2019 Project 1007 Emergency Drawdown
- $490 for a Native Plant Grant to Kathleen Delaney for a project at 14906 50th Street South, Afton, in the Kelle’s Creek watershed
- $500 for a Native Plant Grant to David Fox for a project at 11834 32nd Street North, Lake Elmo, the Downs Lake watershed
- $500 for a Native Plant Grant to Maria Gibbons for a project at 11878 32nd Street North, Lake Elmo, the Downs Lake watershed
- $500 for a Native Plant Grant to Eva Pitzel for a project at 11856 32nd Street North, Lake Elmo, in the Down’s Lake watershed
• $1,575 for a Stewardship Grant to Cassandra Wipperfurth for a project at 4308 Neal Avenue South, Afton, in the South Fork Valley Branch Creek watershed

UPDATES AND REQUESTS FROM PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  None

PERMITTING PROGRAM
Inspector Report  Inspector Brower reported on the following projects: Lake Elmo Avenue, Royal Oak, Rock Point Church, Welshinger Hillside, Cedar Leaf Point, Olson Lake Trail, and Afton Bridges Valley Creek Trail. Inspector Brower reported that he attended the University of Minnesota Stormwater Practices on inspection and maintenance.

Permit 2019-06: Bentley Village, Lake Elmo  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve Permit 2019-06, Bentley Village in Lake Elmo with the added site specific and applicable standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Public Hearing Notice for the MS4 Annual Report and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program  The managers authorized Attorney Torseth to publish notice for the public hearing for Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for the Gateway Permit  The managers signed the stormwater maintenance agreement for the gateway permit.

2019 Watercraft Inspections Agreement with the Washington Conservation District  Attorney Torseth reviewed the agreement. A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve the 2019 Watercraft Inspection agreement with the Washington Conservation District for up to $6,500. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT  None

MANAGER’S REPORT
Rediscover Afton, May 18, 2019  Treasurer Marchan will bring VBWD water bottles to the event. Barr Engineering will bring the boards used at 2018 Washington County Commissioners’ gathering. Inspector Brower and President Lucas will also attend.

Baytown Township Meeting  President Lucas and Treasurer Marchan attended the Baytown Township meeting on May 6th. Treasurer Marchan reported on the meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS
Rediscover Afton, May 18, 2019 11:00am-1:00pm, 33rd Street South and St. Croix Trail

Valley Branch Watershed District Workshop: Baytown Community Center, May 23, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Next Meetings –May 23 and June 13, 2019  All managers plan to attend the meetings.

Public Hearing at 8:00pm, June 13 to consider the district’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell at 8:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Dave Sewell

Dave Sewell, Acting-Secretary

Minutes approved by Managers 5/23/2019