CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Fetcher announced that it was his last VBWD board meeting as a manager after serving on the VBWD for nearly 21 years. President Lucas thanked him for his years of volunteering to serve as a VBWD manager.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (Additions/Deletions/Corrections)

Addition: Under Manager’s Report: Item 4-City of Woodbury park development

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Fetcher to approve the agenda for November 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

• Doug Lovett a Lake Elmo Resident: Provided photos of water runoff from Highway 36 into Klawitter Pond. Stated that he is concerned about potential flooding issues to his property. Currently no floodwater is reaching his home.

• Danielle Jeffrey a Sunnybrook Lake Resident: Inquired about the City of Grant raising Jocelyn Road. VBWD did attend a meeting with the City of Grant, Washington County, and DNR to discuss raising the road. No formal plan has been submitted to VBWD to raise the road. VBWD managers offered to attend a neighborhood meeting with the residents of Sunnybrook Lake and the City of Grant to discuss raising the road. Resident Cheryl Kargel agreed to organize the meeting.

• Greg Wentz a Sunnybrook Lake Resident: Opened discussion on the timing of the City of Grant proposal to raise the road for VBWD to review. He stated he would be in favor of the proposed neighborhood meeting with the City of Grant and VBWD.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

• October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
• Extension of a $500.00 Native Plant Grant for Eva Pitzel for a project at 11856 32nd Avenue Lake Elmo Avenue
• Extension of a $500.00 Native Plant Grant for Maria Gibbons for a project at 11878 32nd Avenue Lake Elmo Avenue
• Permit 2019-29: CSAH 19 (Woodbury Drive) and Local Road Capacity and Safety Improvement Project, Woodbury
• Treasurer’s Report

UPDATES AND REQUESTS FROM PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None

PERMITTING PROGRAM

Inspector’s Report

Inspector Brower reported on the following:

• 30th Street Relocation Project in Baytown and West Lakeland Townships: Work has begun with tree cutting and grubbing. Silt fence in place for wetland protection.
• ISWEM Center in Afton: Working on closing the permit.
• Hadley and Highway 36 in Oakdale: All areas are stabilized except on east side of Hadley at the Fleet Farm entrance.
• Knuth Residence in Afton: The site is stable. Vegetation is established at the infiltration basins.
• Halcyon Cemetery in Lake Elmo: Extra silt fence was added. Inspector Brower talked with the owner about winter stabilization.
• Sundance development in Woodbury: Inspector Brower had attended a preconstruction meeting with City of Woodbury staff.
• Sunnybrook Lake in Grant: He has checked water levels and noted that the pumping through Indian Hills Golf Club has stopped. He continues to check the Horesji and Keene homes and both are secured.
• Downs Lake in Lake Elmo: Pumping is complete. Sod replacement will happen in the spring.
• Rose Lake in Lake Elmo: VBWD had been previously informed by Cimarron that their sewage lagoon is in danger of flooding from Rose Lake. Inspector Brower reported that the he pond levels are steady.
• Councilmember Justin Bloyer stated that the City of Lake Elmo would like to work with VBWD on flood control measures and pumping of Rose Lake. President Lucas directed Barr Engineering to work with the City of Lake Elmo engineer on the issue.
• Brown property north of Lake Olson in Lake Elmo: Inspector Brower had responded to a pumping complaint.

Permit 2019-16: Springs at Lake Elmo

Eric Luth and Gwyn Wheeler were present to discuss the permit. After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve permit 2019-16, Springs at Lake Elmo in Lake Elmo with suggested and site specific conditions. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote with Vice President Fetcher opposed.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Uncashed Checks

Attorney Torseth provided a memorandum regarding VBWD’s three outstanding checks. A motion was made by Sewell and seconded by Fetcher to stop payment on check number 4082 and directed the consultants follow the procedure outlined in the Minnesota statute for abandoned funds, and to stop payment on check numbers 4430 and 4626 and issue new checks to the City of Oakdale and the City of Lake Elmo. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-14: Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property Located at 6921 Jocelyn Road North, Grant, MN 55082

Attorney Torseth prepared Resolution 19-14. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve Resolution 19-14 to purchase the property located at 6921 Jocelyn Road North in Grant in the amount of $457,000.00 and to extend the vacate date to December 1, 2019. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote with Manager Sewell opposed.

Review of City of Oakdale vs. VBWD (1986 Court Case)

Attorney Torseth provided a memorandum on the City of Oakdale vs. VBWD 1986 court case. The managers reviewed the memorandum. No action taken.
Lake DeMontreville and Ravine Sediment Removal Project—Recommendation for Bid Award and Request to Hire Contractor  
Barr Engineering provided a memorandum on the Lake DeMontreville and Ravine sediment removal project. At the January 24, 2019 VBWD board meeting, the managers directed Barr Engineering to prepare plans and solicit bids to remove and dispose of sediment in both locations. After discussion, a motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Lucas to authorize Barr Engineering to formally issue a Notice of Award to Rachel Contracting, LLC to dredge sediment from Lake DeMontreville and Ravine for up to $29,900.00 and authorize President Lucas to sign the agreement with Rachel Contracting, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Delegates for Annual Meeting of Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts  
Manager Sewell will be the voting delegate for VBWD.

Cloverdale Lake  
The VBWD and Barr Engineering participated in a joint meeting with Cloverdale and McDonald lake residents, Baytown Township Officials, and Washington County Commissioners and staff to discuss the potential flooding issues on Cloverdale Lake. Barr Engineering and VBWD provided a presentation that outlined the background information of lakes, the current lake level and potential flooding, immediate and long-term actions. Currently there is no flooding of houses or building structures around Cloverdale Lake. The managers will continue to monitor the 100 year flood level, potentially complete a survey of Cloverdale’s overflow, and review runoff volumes coming into Cloverdale Lake.

Silver Lake Outlet  
The Silver Lake Neighborhood Meeting was held on October 23. VBWD, Barr Engineering, Silver Lake Residents, the Mayor from North St. Paul, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources were in attendance to discuss Silver Lake water levels. Currently there is no surface water flooding to homes or building structures. There continues to be more shoreline erosion issues due to the high lake levels. The managers agreed to have Barr Engineering look at how quickly water would draw down from Silver Lake if the outlet weir was changed. Barr Engineering will also need to examine how an increased flow of water would affect downstream properties. Rick Gelbmann reported that it would be helpful to provide more education on the difference between surface water flooding and groundwater level issues.

City of Woodbury Park Development at Valley Creek  
The City of Woodbury is planning a new park development at the head waters of Valley Creek. President Lucas received a call from a concerned citizen about the impact of Valley Creek with the new park development. Barr Engineering will be meeting with the City of Woodbury Parks staff to discuss the new park development.

REPORTS

FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS

Valley Branch Watershed District Meetings: December 12, 2019 and January 9, 2020 7:00 p.m. All managers plan to attend.

2019 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Meeting, Alexandria, December 5-7 2019  
Manager Sewell, Incoming Manager Rick Gelbmann, Inspector Brower, and Link Lavey plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FUTURE ITEMS

None.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Dave Sewell

Dave Sewell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes approved by managers 12/12/2019