VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting No. 1025
Held in Baytown Township Community Center  APPROVED
Wednesday, September 4, 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:  Vic and Phyllis Klindt, Colleen Ware, and Gail Issa, Sunnybrook Lake; Dave Schultz and Ryan Stempski, West Lakeland Township; Tom and Marg Vierling, Evan Wilson, and Lindsay Reidt

CALL TO ORDER
President Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (Additions/Deletions/Corrections)  None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Sewell and seconded by Marchan to approve the agenda for September 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM
None

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

  • August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  • Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision: Lake Elmo Park Reserve Modern Campground and Eagle Point Trail Improvements

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

PERMITTING PROGRAM
30th Street North, West Lakeland Township and Baytown Township
Dave Schultz, West Lakeland Township Supervisor, and Ryan Stempski, West Lakeland Township Engineer, were present and expressed concern over the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) proposed permit for the 30th Street North relocation project. The West Lakeland Township Board sent MAC a letter addressing their concerns and have not received a response back. Mr. Evan Wilson representing the MAC responded that they are in the process of responding to the West Lakeland Township Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Lucas and seconded by March to table Permit 2019-20, 30th Street North relocation project in West Lakeland Township until an overall plan set and thorough review can be done, and that the permit shows how it will manage stormwater and water quality issues for the entire project. After discussion, President Lucas rescinded her motion. A motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Sewell to approve permit 2019-20, 30th Street North relocation project in West Lakeland Township. President Lucas and Pro-Tem Secretary Sewell voted for the permit. Vice President Fetcher and Treasurer Marchan voted against the permit. Motion failed. Attorney Torseth checked into what happens to the permit during a tied vote. A motion was made by Fetcher and seconded by
Marchan to table the permit 2019-20 and the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Notice of Decision for the Lake Elmo Airport to ask the permit applicant to provide more information on the overall plan for stormwater and water quality treatment across the whole project. The Board would also like more justification on why replacement from available wetland credits within the major watershed and Bank Service Area, which would meet the WCA siting criteria, is not feasible. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision: Lake Elmo Airport** This item was tabled in the motion above.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**Appraisal for 6890 Jocelyn Road, Grant** The managers reviewed the appraisal for 6890 Jocelyn Road. A **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the purchase the property at 6890 Jocelyn Road in Grant for the appraised value of $330,000, and to authorize Attorney Torseth to prepare a purchase agreement and authorize President Lucas to sign the purchase agreement. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote with Manager Sewell opposed.

**Right of First Refusal for 6921 Jocelyn Lane, Grant** Attorney Torseth prepared a Right of First Refusal for the property at 6921 Jocelyn Lane North. After discussion, a **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve Resolution 19-11 the Right of First Refusal for the property located at 6921 Jocelyn Lane North. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**50th Anniversary** The 50th Anniversary event will be at Lift Bridge Brewery on September 12, 2019. President Lucas, Recording Secretary Imse, and Engineer Hanson provided an update on the event.

**Sunnybrook Lake Properties** The managers discussed options on what to do with the purchased Sunnybrook homes. The managers would like to recoup some of the costs if possible. The managers directed Barr Engineering to check with the City of Grant to find out the setbacks to see if there is sufficient area to build on the lot including the driveway, and the impervious surface requirement. The managers directed Barr Engineering to continue to look to see if it would be feasible to move the homes, and check into the cost of moving and selling the homes.

**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.

Closed Session The managers were provided an update of negotiation conversations between property owners and District attorney for 6908 Jocelyn Avenue, which included notice that the District was rescinding its offer to purchase the property. President Lucas updated Managers with her conversation with property owners earlier in the day. President Lucas advised property owners to provide something in writing to the District if they want to engage in any further negotiations with the District for the sale of their property. At 8:35 p.m., a **motion** was made by Marchan and seconded by Fetcher to close the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Fetcher at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Dave Sewell

Dave Sewell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes approved by managers 9/26/2019