VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1009  
Held in Baytown Township Community Center  
Thursday, November 8, 2018

MANAGERS PRESENT: Jill Lucas, President; Ed Marchan Treasurer; and Dave Sewell, Manager

MANAGER ABSENT: Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President and Anthony Haider, Secretary

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

STAFF ABSENT: Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Rausch, Alliant Engineering for the Gateway permit and Sunnybrook Lake Residents

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Under Permitting Program-Item #4-Lang Builders, Afton and Item #5-McGrath House Development, Lake Elmo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  A motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve the agenda for November 8, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM  Mike Kraemer asked if he would be able to ask questions during the Sunnybrook Lake agenda item. The audience will be permitted to ask questions during the Sunnybrook Lake agenda item.

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

The following items were presented for the Managers’ approval:

- October 25, 2018 meeting minutes
- Payment: Project 1007 Mowing and Raleigh Creek Tree Removal
- Payment: Silver Lake Clean Water Fund Filtration Basin
- Permit: 2018-18: Transfer from Sherco Construction to Darin and Nicole Ostertag

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

PERMITTING PROGRAM

Inspector’s Report  Inspector Brower reported on the following projects: North St. Paul street project, Halcyon Cemetery, Legends of Woodbury, Islamic Center, and the Dunn Residence.

Permit: 2018-36, The Gateway, Grant  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve permit 2018-36, The Gateway in Grant with the suggested site specific and application standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit: 2018-01, TH 36 and Hadley Avenue intersection, Oakdale  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to table permit 2018-01, TH 36 and Hadley Avenue intersection in Oakdale. Motion carried unanimously.
Permit: 2018-39, Lang Builders  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve permit 2018-39, Lang Builders with the suggested site specific and application standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit: 2018-40, McGrath House Development  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to approve permit 2018-40, McGrath House development with the suggested site specific and application standard conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

ENGINEER’S REPORT  None

MANAGER’S REPORT
Resolution to Adopt the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan  After discussion, a motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell to adopt the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Sunnybrook Lake Neighborhood Flood Protection Strategy  President Lucas provided an overview of the District actions and stressed that flooding at Sunnybrook Lake has been a long-term issue and that the current managers have spent significant time and District resources to conduct due diligence to examine a District-wide project and develop the current policies that are currently being considered by the Managers. President Lucas reviewed a letter submitted by Michael & Candace Kraemer and Brandon & Jennifer Sundberg and provided answers to each question posed in the letter. President Lucas proposed having a Workshop on November 27th with interested parties and provided an outline for the Workshop structure. President Lucas stated:

- The District is not responsible for the roads – that is Washington County.
- That the District cannot guarantee that pumping will be guaranteed indefinitely with Indian Hills Golf Course. Currently the District has a good relationship with the golf course, but there is no guarantee that pumping will continue.
- The District does not need to purchase Conservation Easements on property below the 100-year flood level because there are already protections in place. Additionally, the District is not proposing to purchase any easements because the policy proposed by the Managers will not alter any water flow.

The audience was permitted to ask question and make comments.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Convention Voting Delegates  President Lucas will be voting delegate 1, Manager Sewell will be delegate 2, and Secretary Haider will be the alternate delegate.

REPORTS
Managers  President Lucas will be meeting with Ron Moorse with the City of Afton to discuss having VBWD participating in a spring event for downtown Afton.

Administrator/Engineer Report  Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

Attorney  None

Website Administrator  None

Inspector  None
FUTURE MEETINGS AND BUSINESS
Next Meetings – December 13, 2018 and January 10, 2019  All managers plan to attend the meetings.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Meeting, Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, November 29-December 1, 2018  President Lucas, Secretary Haider, Manager Sewell, and Inspector Brower plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Marchan and seconded by Sewell at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.  Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Dave Sewell

Dave Sewell, Acting-Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 12/13/2018