VALLEY BRANCH WATERSHED DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 935
Held in the City of Lake Elmo City Hall **APPROVED**
Thursday, March 12, 2015 **MINUTES**

MANAGERS PRESENT: **Dave Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Dale Borash, Treasurer; and Ed Marchan, Manager**

MANAGER ABSENT: **Jill Lucas, Secretary**

STAFF PRESENT: **John Hanson, Engineer, Barr Engineering; Susannah Torseth, Attorney, Lawson Marshall McDonald and Galowitz**

STAFF ABSENT: **Ray Roemmich, Inspector; and Melissa Imse, Recording Secretary**

OTHERS PRESENT: **David Eastwood, Kevin Wall, and Jim Golden, Afton Sewer Treatment System; Nathan Landucci, Buckthorn Removal Grant; Craig Allen, Gonyea Company, Village Preserve/Parcel B Schiltgen Farms; Richard Weyrauch, Baytown Township Supervisor**

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the February 26, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS Under Engineer's Report: Item#5 Eurasian watermilfoil treatments

AFTON SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM David Eastwood, Jim Golden, and Kevin Wall expressed concerns regarding the proposed sewer treatment system and requested that the VBWD submit comments on the Environment Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

BUCKTHORN REMOVAL GRANT Nathan Landucci discussed his grant application with the managers. **Motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Marchan to approve the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM None

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE None

SECRETARY'S REPORT Engineer Hanson distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Borash distributed copies of the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2014, dated December 2014 - Updated, the Administrative and Program Budgets Fiscal Year 2015, dated January 2015, and the Treasurer's Report dated March 12, 2015. After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT None

ENGINEER'S REPORT
Permit Request: Village Preserve/Parcel B Schiltgen Farms, Lake Elmo After discussion, a **motion** was made by Fetcher and seconded by Borash to approve permit 2015-06 for Village Preserve in Lake Elmo. Motion carried unanimously.

Top 50! The managers reviewed the policy questions from the Washington Conservation District and requested that additional information regarding the proposed Wamstad project be provided.

Wildflower Shores Wetland Bank After discussion, **motion** was made by Bucheck and seconded by Marchan to set the asking price of wetland credits at $55,000 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.

Clean Water Fund Valley Creek Ravine Stabilization Projects The managers discussed the process to obtain the necessary easements and decided they would like to see the appraisal's valuation report before any offers are made to the landowners.

Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatments Engineer Hanson distributed and reviewed a memorandum from Meg Rattei of Barr Engineering. After discussion, the managers directed Barr Engineering to work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and lake association regarding management details at Lakes DeMontreville and Olson.

MANAGERS' REPORT
2015 Budget and Goals President Bucheck presented a draft 2015 budget. After discussion, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Marchan to approve the draft 2015 budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Surface Water Diversions to Sunfish Lake and Goetschel Pond President Bucheck led a discussion regarding the topic and a draft letter to the City of Lake Elmo. After discussion, the managers agreed to revise and send the letter.

Next Meetings – March 26 and April 9, 2015 President Bucheck will be absent from both meetings. Vice President Fetcher might be absent from the March 26th meeting. All other managers plan to attend the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

FUTURE ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Fetcher at 9:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ed Marchan

Ed Marchan, Acting-Secretary

Minutes approved by managers 3/26/2015