

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MANAGERS
OF BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Managers of Buffalo Creek Watershed District met on the 28th day of June, 2011, at 8:00 P.M. at its regular meeting place in Suite 103, Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th Street E., Glencoe, MN, for its regular monthly business meeting.

The following members were present:

Donald Belter
Charles Kubesh
Corey Henke
Larry Phillips
Scott Lang

Also attending the meeting were:

Pete Kasal, of the firm of
KASAL & SCOTTING

Charles Eberhard, Engineer

President Belter called the meeting to order and announced the first order of business was the consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Managers held on May 24, 2011. Upon motion of Manager Kubesh, which motion was seconded by Manager Phillips, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 24, 2011.

President Belter next called upon Manager Phillips for the Treasurer's report. Manager Phillips presented a written report which outlined income and expenses as follows:

<u>SAVINGS:</u>	
C.D.	\$ 58,059.96
C.B.	101,076.99
Rec'd: Interest to 3/28/11 (C/D #8358)	16,502.80
Interest (Savings #4206225)	8.70
Renville County	21,005.72
	\$196,654.17
LESS: Transfer to checking	<u>8,317.78</u>
JUNE BALANCE	\$188,336.39

CHECKING:

May balance	\$ 2,307.07	
Deposit from savings	8,317.78	
Interest		<u>.18</u>
		\$ 10,625.03
LESS: Checks drawn		<u>8,266.69</u>
		\$ 2,358.34
JUNE BALANCE		

PROJECT 79-2:

CD #7949 and #11550	\$ 7,697.12	
Interest to 4/11/11		<u>2,176.05</u>
		9,873.17
McLeod Co. Auditor/79-2 Fund		<u>21,271.63</u>
TOTAL 79-2 Funds		\$31,144.80

Upon motion of Manager Henke, which motion was seconded by Manager Kubesh, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the Treasurer's report.

President Belter next called upon Ron Otto, Water Resources Planner for Sibley County, who was in attendance. Mr. Otto indicated to the Board that the City of Gaylord is considering making improvements to Lake Titloe, which is adjacent to the Gaylord city limits. He inquired as to how the Board's desilting project on Lake Allie had worked out. They are considering a similar desilting project for Lake Titloe. Engineer Eberhard described the Lake Allie project to Mr. Otto and provided him with a copy of the Lake Allie plans for use in considering the proposed project on Lake Titloe.

President Belter next called upon Gary Schreifels, Publics Works Director for the City of Glencoe, who was in attendance at the meeting and accompanied by Justin Black of Short, Elliott & Hendrickson Engineers. Mr. Schreifels addressed the issue of construction of a berm in the City of Glencoe along Buffalo Creek for the purpose of preventing flooding within the City. This project had previously been discussed before the Board on several occasions and previously considered by the City of Glencoe. Mr. Schreifels was unsure if or when the project would proceed, although he noted that it does have the support of the City Council. Mr. Schreifels requested someone from the Board of Managers to address the City Council about the berm proposal and potential costs at their July 18 council meeting. Engineer Eberhard previously calculated that approximately 800 cubic yards of clay would be required to construct the berm. Manager Phillips indicated that he would contact the contractor who has indicated an interest in the project to get an idea of the costs associated with the project so that those issues can be addressed by the City Council.

Mr. Schreifels then addressed a second issue regarding a large sinkhole in the city cemetery as a result of a washout of a city storm sewer. Justin Black presented plans to the Board for repairing the storm sewer in that area. He estimated the cost of the line replacement would be approximately \$160,000.00. Thereafter followed a general

discussion of storm water drainage in the area, which has been addressed by the Board on previous occasions. It should be noted that the drainage area discussed is not only the immediate area of the storm sewer that is experiencing problems, but also a much larger area to the north and west of this area on the western edge of the City of Glencoe. Engineer Eberhard indicated that he would make some inquiries as to possible grants to assist in a project for storm water drainage in that area.

President Belter next called for the bills that had been presented to the Board since the last meeting. Manager Phillips reported bills that had been presented to the Board as follows:

Kasal & Scotting – attorneys fees	\$ 663.98
Juul Contracting	100.00
Drop & Go	98.36
Mike Karg – trapping	315.00
F.W. Hosting	242.46
Tiger Direct – screen purchase	608.76
Eberhard Consulting – engineer fees	3,122.38
Mary Henke – secretarial	203.50
Linda Phillips – secretarial/accounting	111.00
Corey Henke – per diem & mileage	906.06
Donald Belter – per diem & mileage	164.28
Larry Phillips – per diem & mileage	857.41
Charles Kubesh – per diem & mileage	107.64
Scott Lang – per diem & mileage	<u>267.64</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,768.47

Upon motion of Manager Kubesh, which motion was seconded by Manager Lang, by unanimous roll call vote the Board of Managers approved the above bills for payment.

President Belter next called for items of old business. Manger Henke reported on his involvement with the ongoing issue of rain gardens which had been constructed near Lake Allie. He reported that one of the landowners had indicated possible damage to sump pump lines during construction of a rain garden. Manager Henke indicated that he had the contractor verify that the line had not been damaged. He also reported that one landowner had killed off all the vegetation in one of the rain gardens. He indicated he had been presented with a proposed bill from the landowner of \$6,500.00 to replace the plants that had been killed off. It was the general consensus of the Board that they would not consider \$6,500.00 to replace the rain garden plants since they were not consulted initially in the destruction of the original plantings. It was discussed that one alternative to resolve all the issues regarding the rain gardens would be to refund the grant money received for the construction to BWSR. The Board will contact BWSR with regard to this issue.

Engineer Eberhard next reported on the Eagle Lake dam project. He and Manager Henke met with the DNR and a Ducks Unlimited representative with regard to water level control. He indicated that Ducks Unlimited can be requested to prepare a Phase I report which would set out a project plan and specifications for construction. He indicated, however, that if Ducks Unlimited gets involved in the project, the project cannot be completed until at least 2013. The Phase I report prepared by Ducks Unlimited would be done at no cost to the Board. Engineer Eberhard asked the Board to authorize the Phase I study by Ducks Unlimited. Upon motion of Manager Henke, which motion was seconded by Manager Lang, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the request of Engineer Eberhard to authorize Ducks Unlimited to begin a Phase I study.

Engineer Eberhard next reported that he is researching whether Buffalo Creek can be reclassified as something other than a “recreational waterway”. He believes a reclassification would allow more flexibility in addressing allowable water quality standards. It was the consensus of the Board that there was very little recreational activity occurring on Buffalo Creek and a reclassification is probably a more realistic approach to describing the function of Buffalo Creek.

Engineer Eberhard also indicated he will submit written comments to the Minnesota Dept. of Pollution Control regarding the recent TMDL study results issued by the DNR and the Minnesota Dept. of Pollution Control.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Managers adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers on July 26, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. at its regular meeting place in Suite 103, Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th Street E., Glencoe, MN.

Charles Kubesh, Secretary