Managers present: Mike Hanson, Mick Delger and Joe Pacovsky

Managers absent: Gary Pestorious, Brad Kramer, Al Bakken and Dan DeBoer

Vice-chairman Delger called the Annual Meeting to order on March 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., at the Freeborn County Government Center, 411 S Broadway, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Administrator, Andy Henschel, introduced the Board of Managers:
- Gary Pestorious has been a board manager since 2003 and currently serves as the chairman.
- Mick Delger has been a board manager since 2015 and currently serves as the vice-chairman.
- Dan DeBoer has been a board manager since 2011 and currently serves as the secretary.
- Alan Bakken has been a board manager since 2003 and currently serves as the treasurer.
- Brad Kramer has been a board manager since 2017.
- Mike Hanson has been a board manager since 2015.
- Joe Pacovsky has been a board manager since 2015.

Vice-chairman Delger introduced the SRRWD staff:
- Andy Henschel- Administrator
- Carmen Christensen- Financial Clerk
- Scott Christenson - Conservation Technician
- Courtney Phillips- Resource Technician
- Leah Stadheim- Administrative Assistant

Administrator Henschel recognized the 2018 Citizen Advisory Committee members:
- Bill Howe
- Mike Lee
- Neal Gjersvik
- Joe Pacovsky
- Ed Hubbard
- Lindsey Zeitler
- Dalton Syverson

The 2019 Advisory Committee thanked Neal Gjersvik for his service as he left the committee to pursue other endeavors. The SRRWD plans to appoint another member from the community to sit on this committee during board appointments in July, 2019.

Administrator Henschel recognized the following consultants:
- Americana Insurance Group – Suzanne Dickson
- BARR Engineering –Engineer and Consultant including Janna Keiffer
The Shell Rock River Watershed District recognized the Rural and Urban Conservationist as follows:

**Rural Conservationist** – Janis Owens along with Richard and Margaret Jensen.

Janis Owens, Richard and Margaret co-owned 130 acres of land that is located south of Pickerel Lake. This property had been in the Districts project list for many years as a potential wetland restoration project and in 2017 District staff started the process of acquiring the land. In May of 2018, the District purchased 45 acres for the purpose of a wetland restoration with permanent protection. The support from this family helped to set the stage for a successful project. This restoration will be essential in improving water quality to Pickerel Lake, and provide water storage and habitat value. Construction is expected to start this May. The SRRWD admires your advocacy for clean water and being dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the water quality and habitat value of our water resources for present and future generations. The District would like to personally thank you for your support and awards you as the 2018 Rural Conservationist Recipients.

**Urban Conservationists** – Country Club Estates Association

The owners and board members of the Country Club Estates Association have played a vital role in the Fountain Lake Restoration project. During the construction of the Confined Disposal Facility cells 2 & 3, the site that will hold the materials dredged from the Main Bay of Fountain Lake, wetlands will be unavoidably impacted and/or disturbed. Therefore, the Shell Rock River Watershed District created a wetland bank on the north side of the townhomes to replace the wetlands impacted at the CDF. This project required an easement from the Association for the construction of a berm to contain the wetland as well as piping for the outlet of the wetland to Fountain Lake. The District thanks you for your cooperation and patience during the long planning process and construction. Your association has been a pleasure to work with.
Administrator Henschel read the 2018 Administrative and Non-Property Tax funds revenues and expenditures. He also reviewed the status of the 2018 audit and highlighted the list of District assets including water monitoring equipment. Finally, Administrator Henschel gave an update on the Fountain Lake Restoration project.

Conservation Technician, Scott Christenson, explained the carp management plan including: history, impacts, installing radio transmitters inside of carp, tracking and the efficacy of the fish barriers. He reviewed the 2018 water monitoring reports including data results from lakes and streams.

Resource Technician, Courtney Phillips, gave an update on grants sources and associated projects:
- The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Targeted Watershed allocated $825,610 to the SRRWD for projects including wetland restorations, the J9 Ditch project, streambank restorations, waterways and rock inlets.
- The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) has generated $8.7 million dollars in funding for lake improvements, streambank restorations, wetland restorations, and property acquisitions. Notable projects include the Pickerel Lake Dam, Owens Wetland purchase, and the Wedge Creek Streambank Restoration. Future projects include the Upper and Lower Twin Lake project, Headwaters Streambank Restoration, and the Fountain Lake Habitat Project.
- The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) awarded the SRRWD $300,000 in funding for the credit trading pilot project.
- The SRRWD continues to make progress regarding the One Watershed, One Plan including entering into a grant agreement, awarding a consultant, combining modeling to develop targeted areas, and implementing projects.

Minnesota GreenCorps member, Claire Rabine, gave an update on projects that she’s been working on since serving at the SRRWD including educating children with the Enviroscape, Adopt-a-Drain, storm drain stenciling, Pelican Breeze infographics and Winter Maintenance Workshop.

Vice-chairman Delger thanked the staff for their hard work and the community for their support.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:
   Move to adjourn the meeting.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.