Annual Report for the Shell Rock River Watershed District

Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, at Albert Lea City Council Chambers

Established:
June 25, 2003
By Citizen Petition

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Included counties:
Freeborn

Watershed Quick Facts

District Size: 246 Square Miles
Number of Staff: 5

Major Lakes: Pickerel, White (Chapeau), Fountain, Albert Lea, Upper and Lower Twin

Watershed Drains to: Shell Rock River, then to the Cedar River, the Iowa River, and finally the Mississippi River

Impaired Waters: State and federal governments list 9.8 miles of the Shell Rock River as impaired for fecal coliform bacteria and turbidity. Albert Lea, Fountain and Pickerel Lakes are on the 2008 impaired waters list for excessive nutrients.

Regular Meeting: 8:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month, Albert Lea City Council Chambers (broadcast on ALTV)

Board of Managers

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Board Appointments:
Under Minnesota Statute 103D, the Freeborn County Board appoints the Board of Managers for the Watershed District. Each manager serves a 3-year term.

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District Administrator:
Brett Behnke
507-402-4806
Office located in the historic Freeborn County Courthouse
Future Projects

South Industrial Park Flood Mitigation
This project is the development of a water retention area to reduce flooding and to filter the water draining to Albert Lea Lake.

Main Street Flood Mitigation
This will be an educational piece to show ways of reducing stormwater runoff and pollutants to our lakes. Design includes such features as: a walking path, picnic area and rain gardens. It will show different solutions to improve the storm water flooding in this area, such as rain gardens and impervious asphalt and pavers.

Fish Barriers - Fountain Lake, White Lake and Wedge Creek.
Construction of more fish barriers to help control the rough fish population in the area lakes.

Pollution Prevention Program
Will continue in 2009 with Townships that have a small area included in the Watershed District.

A program to document the compliance of septic systems in the watershed to State standards and to eliminate the imminent health threats detected.

City Storm Water Study
The District will be working with Barr Engineering on the study. This project will have an estimated cost of $178,000. The cost will include water monitoring equipment and engineering. The information collected from the study will be valuable to the TMDL study.

Water Monitoring-
In 2009 there will be approximately 252 stream and 126 lake samplings done.

2008 Administrative Fund

Administrative Fund Revenue
Administrative Levy (property tax) $249,801.00
Interest Income $152.00
Reimbursements $14,154.00
Lakescaping Grant DNR $3,006.00
Subtotal $267,113.00
Carried forward from 2007 $28,650.00
Total $295,763.00

Administrative Fund Expenses
Personnel $167,229.00
Travel and Training $23,893.00
Office $24,997.00
Professional Services $35,473.00
Capital Expense $5,000.00
Projects $18,420.00
Subtotal $275,012.00
Carry forward from 2008 $20,751.00
Total $295,763.00

2008 Non-Property Tax Fund

Non-Property Tax Revenue
Local option sales tax $1,245,257.00
Grant Reimbursement $162,489.00
Investment income $23,626.00
Other $500.00
Carried forward from 2007 $743,100.00
Total $2,174,972.00

Non-Property Tax Expense (Projects)
Erosion and Water Control $12,012.00
Albert Lea Lake Dam $110,369.00
City Storm Water Management $73,040.00
Subwatershed Projects $215,673.00
Dredging Elements $24,383.00
Water Monitoring $179,898.00
Rural Sewage Management $95,800.00
Subtotal $711,175.00
Carryover to 2009 Projects $1,463,797.00
Total $2,174,972.00

2008 Citizen Advisory Committee
Larry Anderson, Chair
Michal Hanson
Tony Trow, Secretary
Mark Behrends
Don Sorensen
Steve Wirtz/Kyle Skov
Don Kropp
Scott Erlanson
Don Flatness