Managers present: Clayton Petersen, Scott Erlandson, Dan DeBoer, Gary Pestorious, and Roger Peterson.

Managers absent: Al Bakken and Arthur Ludtke.

Chair Manager Clayton Petersen called the special meeting to order April 28, 2014, at 7:30 a.m., at the District office, 214 West Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Administrator Behnke requested an addition to the agenda in regards to the Albert Lea Lake Dam Project.

Manager Erlandson offered the following motion:

Move to accept the addition of the Albert Lea Lake Dam Project to the agenda.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, gave an update on the Albert Lea Lake Dam Project. The District has funding requests with the L-SOHC and the Dam Safety Program to cover the shortfall in funding of the project. The staff feels confident with funding sources to re-bid the project. The District will send the County Commissioners a status report on the project.

Andy Henschel discussed the 206 Army Corp of Engineers Albert Lea Lake Restoration Project. Maps were presented showing the wind fetch on the lake and how a string of islands would reduce the wind. They are working on the mapping of the best place to have the islands. The Corp was wondering about connecting the islands to land. Managers concerns were about connecting to private property. If the islands could be connected to State owned land it would be better.

Manager Clayton Petersen gave an update on the meetings that have been held with St. John’s Lutheran Community, about the road and easement proposals.

Manager Erlandson offered the following motion:

Move to recessed to a closed session to discuss negotiations with St. John’s Lutheran Community about the easements, in compliance with Minn. Stat. 13D.05.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Managers went into closed session.
Manager Clayton Petersen re-opened the meeting.

Administrator Behnke gave a summary of the closed session: Easement options were discussed in detail on the road placement and the lake access point. Managers also discussed the potential in funding, by the District, for road development.

Managers requested a change in the regular meeting date to May 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Manager Erlandson offered the following motion:

Move to have the May Regular Meeting moved to May 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Manager Erlandson offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.