Shell Rock River Watershed District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019

Managers present: Brad Kramer, Gary Pestorious, Al Bakken, Mick Delger, Dan DeBoer and Joe Pacovsky

Managers absent: Mike Hanson

Chairman Pestorious called the Regular Meeting to order April 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a. Minutes of the January 16, 2019 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
b. Minutes of the March 19, 2019 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting
c. Minutes of the March 19, 2019 SRRWD Annual Board Meeting
d. March 2019 Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
e. March 2019 Project Fund Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
f. Authorize Payment of Claims
g. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements
h. Quarterly Transfer

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Public Forum – Laura Cunningham, 1204 Cedar Ave., Albert Lea, MN spoke on behalf of the Albert Lea Lakes Foundation. The annual lake clean-up event is scheduled for April 27, 2019 from 9am – 12 pm at Frank Hall Park. In memorial of Dan Borland, former member of the Lakes Foundation, volunteers will be stenciling storm drains using the Adopt-a-Drain program. More information is available via www.shellrock.org. The next Lakes Foundation meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday in April at 4pm at the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Administrator Henschel discussed four change orders from Veit & Company, Inc. regarding the construction of Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) Cells 2 & 3 for the Fountain Lake Restoration Project. The change orders are due to drain tile repairs, non-utilization of equipment because of a delay in obtaining the wetland permit, schedule changes and weather conditions. Veit withdrew and closed with resolution the change order addressing costs related to weather conditions.
Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to approve the Fountain Lake Restoration Project Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) Cells 2 & 3 Construction Change Order with Veit & Company, Inc.
Manager Kramer seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Administrator Henschel discussed the SRRWD and City of Albert Lea Total Maximum Total Daily Load (TMDL). This plan will determine the levels of pollutants that the water bodies can accept and still meet water quality standards; the sources of those pollutants; and ways to reduce the levels of pollutants. Due to lack of plan progress, Andy Henschel, with the support of the SRRWD board of managers, sent a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requesting a new staff lead for the project. Andy introduced Emily Bartusek, MPCA Environmental Specialist. As the new lead, Emily’s goal is to expedite the completion of the TMDL plan.

Administrator Henschel explained the Governor’s proposed bonding bill for flood hazard mitigation. The City of Albert Lea, Minnesota Department of Transportation and the SRRWD are requesting $3.5 million dollars to mitigate the flooding on Highway 65 (East Main Street) in downtown Albert Lea.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to pursue bonding dollars for flood mitigation projects.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the Albert Lea Lakes Foundation’s request for supplies (dumpsters, gloves, bags, and buckets) and District Equipment for the Annual Lake Clean-Up Event not to exceed $1,000.00
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Administrator Henschel discussed the District’s dredge and equipment. The pipe, fusion machine and dredge are on their third cycle for sale on IronPlanet.com. The pumps have sold.

Resource Technician, Courtney Phillips, reviewed the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) process. After requesting quotes and qualifications, the District received three quotes: Barr Engineering Co. with a total cost of $136,870.00
Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. with a total cost of $168,480.00
RESPEC Consulting & Services with a total cost of $88,340.00
Further analysis showed that RESPEC bid the plan without meetings. After including the meetings, RESPEC’s bid increased to $126,420.00. The budget for a consultant was set at $140,000.00. The Steering and Policy Committee recommended RESPEC as the consultant for the 1W1P.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to approve consulting services with RESPEC for One Watershed, One Plan and give SRRWD staff authority to sign all appropriate documents.
Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Conservation Technician, Scott Christenson, discussed the Upper Twin Lake Project including extending the completion time 1 year due to the government shutdown that delayed permitting.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve change order with Minger Construction Companies, Inc.
Manager Bakken seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Scott discussed the Lower Twin Lake Project details including a design change from an electric style fish barrier to a rock fish barrier.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the Lower Twin Lake project design change.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

During Manager’s Items, Manager Mick Delger reviewed the City Council meeting that he attended. The city approved a motion to pursue bonding dollars for flood mitigation projects and looks forward to partnering with the District on flood mitigation projects. Councilman Baker gave a 1W1P update. Manager Joe Pacovsky reiterated the Lakes Foundation’s invite to attend the annual lake clean-up event on April 27, 2019.
Andy reminded the board of upcoming meeting dates.

Manager Bakken 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.