Managers present: Al Bakken, Dan DeBoer, Bruce Haugsdal, Michal Hanson, and Joe Pacovsky

Managers absent: Gary Pestorious

Vice Chair DeBoer called the regular meeting to order August 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:
Move to approve the August 25, 2015 agenda with changes. Changes include Conservation Technician Report 7 A-1 Motion to Approve Engineering Services with WSB for Wedge Creek Reach 6. Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Scott Hanna, Environmental Learning Coordinator for Community Education, gave an update:
- Responded to Star Tribune article dated August 18, 2015
- Praised water quality in Albert Lea

Brett Behnke, District Administrator, gave an update:
- Andrew Bernau of Hill, Larson, Walth and Benda reviewed the 2014 Audit

Manager Bakken questioned the accounts receivable section of the audit on page 22. He would like the board to address the issue at the next board meeting.

Administrator Behnke informed the board that the ‘Out of State Travel Policy’ will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:
Move to approve the 2014 Audit.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

- Formal response to all public comment to the 2nd Generation Water Plan was discussed.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:
Move to approve the formal response to all public comments to 2nd Generation Water Plan
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, gave a report:

- Clean Water Fund Grant Application to fund rain garden projects around Albert Lea was discussed.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following resolution:

Move to approve resolution 2015-09 as follows:

Shell Rock River Watershed District

Resolution 2015-09

Clean Water Fund Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shell Rock River Watershed District, hereinafter referred to as “Authorized Official” (Authorized Agent) acts as legal sponsor for the Fountain Lake Urban Rain Gardens contained in the Board of Water and Soil (BWSR) Clean Water Fund Grant Application to be submitted on August 28, 2015, and that Authorized Official is hereby authorized to apply to the BWSR Clean Water Fund, hereinafter referred to a “State,” for funding of this project on behalf of the applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate acquisition, maintenance and protection of the proposed project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has not incurred any construction costs or has not entered into any written agreements to purchase property proposed by this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has not violated any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to fraud bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the application by the State, the Authorized Official may enter into an Agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that the Applicant certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the contract agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations or Brett Behnke, District Administrator for the Shell Rock River Watershed District, is hereby authorized to execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Applicant.

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Phil Wacholz, City Engineer, further discussed the rain gardens and confirmed that the City supports the pursuit of the grant dollars.

Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a roll vote was taken:
Manger Haugsdal –Yes
Manager Pacovsky – Yes
Manager Hanson – Yes
Manager Bakken – Yes
Manager DeBoer – Yes

Jerad Stricker, Conservation Technician, gave a report:

- A brief history of the Wedge Creek project was given. Reach #6 is the final reach to be constructed is funded by an LSOHC grant.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following resolution:

Move to approve Resolution 2015-10 as follows:

Resolution 2015-10
WEDGE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT
Approve Reach 6 of Wedge Creek Restoration Project for Construction

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board of Managers”) pursues the mission of improving water quality within its boundaries;

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District (the “District”) is charged with implementing the Shell Rock River Watershed District Watershed Management Plan (the “Plan”);

WHEREAS, the District initiated the Wedge Creek Restoration Project (the “Project”) on August 9, 2011;

WHEREAS, the District has identified numerous Project goals and objectives from the Plan that are accomplished by the Project;

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has been presented with an engineering proposal for Reaches No. 1 - 6 of the Project dated July, 2011 from McGhie & Bhetts Environmental Services, Inc. (the “Project Plan”);

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2011, by Resolution 2011-08, the Board approved the Project Plan;

WHEREAS, the Project Plan was forwarded to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their review and comment September 26, 2011;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 11, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers having reviewed the Project Plan, and has determined that approval of the Project Plan will further the objectives of the Plan;

THEREFORE, the Board of Managers hereby finds that the Project has the potential to promote the public interest and welfare, is practicable, and conforms to the watershed management plan as set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby Resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District:
Sec. 1: Approves the Reach No. 6 in Project Plan dated July, 2011, as presented by McGhie & Bhetts Environmental Services, Inc. to be constructed; and

Sec. 2: Authorizes District staff to perform the necessary steps to complete Reach 6, including obtaining bids, requests for proposals and any other necessary agreements or items.

Approved by the Board of Managers of the Shell Rock River Watershed District on the 25th day of August, 2015.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the resolution.
After discussion, a roll call vote was taken:
Manager Haugsdal – Yes
Manager Pacovsky – Yes
Manager Hanson – Yes
Manager Bakken – Yes
Manager DeBoer – Yes

• Jerad Stricker explained the WSB contract presented to the board.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:
Move to approve Engineering Services with WSB for Wedge Creek Reach 6.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

• Jerad Stricker explained the next process in the Wedge Creek project, bid letting.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:
Move to approve bid letting for Wedge Creek.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

• Jerad Stricker explained the last step to finish Wedge Creek Reaches 1-3. This step includes the Vogt’s driveway reconstruction.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:
Move to approve Wedge Creek Reach 1-3 Driveway Reconstruction.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Forum -
Wanda Wangness 1020 Abbot St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Wanda displayed pictures of her property on Dane’s Bay. She is frustrated with the amount of weeds and algae in the water. The Bay is not usable. Manager Haugsdal responded to Wanda’s comments. He
discussed how nature is to blame for how Dane’s Bay looks. He also explained that treating the lake with chemicals is a step backwards but cleaning up the water and dredging will help. Manager Bakken explained that the lakes in the area are prairie pothole lakes. They were formally marshes and wetlands and will never be a deep water lake. Andy Henschel explained that the green in Wanda’s pictures is native vegetation. The green is duck weed and is representative of a healthy lake. The Watershed staff has different options and contact information for homeowners interested in cleaning up their area of the lake.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Hanson Haugsdal seconded the motion.
Meeting was adjourned.