

**Shell Rock River Watershed District
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020**

Managers present via teleconference: Brad Kramer, Gary Pestorius, Al Bakken, Dan DeBoer, Joe Pacovsky, and Mike Hanson

Managers absent: Mick Delger

Vice-chairman Pestorius called the regular meeting to order on November 10, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference as provided by Minnesota Statute 13D.021 Sub. 1. All SRRWD staff and board members can hear one another, the meeting is recorded and streamed live via www.shellrock.org and Facebook, and all votes are taken by roll call.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the October 13, 2020 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting
- b. October 2020 Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- c. October 2020 Project Fund Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- d. Authorize Payment of Claims
- e. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorius, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice-chairman Pestorius declared the motion passed.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda with the addition of a motion to select two board managers as delegates and one manager as an alternate for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Annual Meeting.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorius, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice-chairman Pestorius declared the motion passed.

Administrator Andy Henschel discussed the Fountain Lake Restoration Project. Dredging has ceased for the season and will resume in the Main Bay and Dane's Bay in the spring. The dredge pipeline will be marked for winter activities.

Andy continued with an update on the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) Cells 2 & 3. The cells are constructed, complete, and ready for the 2021 dredging season. Seeding took place last week. Claims due to the failures are pending with the contractor, Veit & Company, Inc.

Andy provided a legislative update. Phase 3 of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project was not included in the bonding bill. The SRRWD plans to work with the reelected and newly elected legislators to inform them about the project. The SRRWD also plans to form a committee to move forward with a bonding package for 2021.

Andy discussed the upcoming MAWD Annual Meeting. This virtual meeting will take place December 1-4, 2020. The purpose of the meeting is to strengthen the management, protection, and restoration of the water resources located within our watershed jurisdictions. MAWD has requested two delegates and an alternate from our District to vote on issues and resolutions.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to appoint Mick Delger and Brad Kramer as delegates and Al Bakken as an alternate for the upcoming MAWD Annual Meeting.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice- chairman Pestorious declared the motion passed.

Project/Program Manager, Courtney Phillips, explained the Orr, Miller Tract, and IC&E Wetland projects. Each of the projects are near each but have different names due to the grant phase cycle. Two are owned by USFWS and one is currently owned by the District. The Orr Wetland Restoration involves taking agricultural ground and starting fresh with wetland restorations and native seeding. The IC&E project involves taking an already protected site and enhancing the wetland potential.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2020-19 as follows:

Resolution 2020-19
Orr Wetland Restoration
INITIATE PROJECTS
2020-04

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board of Managers”) pursues the mission of implementing reasonable and necessary improvements to the water-related and other natural resources 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, project goals and objectives set forth in the Plan include:

- Improve water quality and clarity to District lakes
- Improve and enhance waterfowl habitat

- Reduce transport of sediment, nutrients and pesticides into surface waters through the drainage systems
- Minimize flood damage to property and preserve the function of the floodplain
- Restore and retain water upstream throughout the watershed
- Preserve existing rural and urban wetlands and encourage restoration and enhancement

WHEREAS, the District has pursued a comprehensive watershed approach to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality including filter strips, rock inlets, nutrient management systems, water and sediment basin installations, rough fish management practices, installation of fish barriers, septic system inspections, stream bank and ditch restoration projects and the installation of rain gardens.

THEREFORE be it hereby resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District:

- Sec. 1: Initiates “Project No. 2020-04 Orr Wetland Restoration
- Sec. 2: Authorizes District Staff to negotiate appropriate professional services agreements to promote and complete Orr Wetland Restoration
- Sec. 3: Authorizes District Staff and the District’s attorney to negotiate with area landowners for any necessary easement or fee title acquisition, subject to approval by the Board.
- Sec. 4: Authorizes District Staff to conduct work as needed to present this project to the Board for review and public hearing as required by law.

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Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice-chairman Pestorious declared the motion passed.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2020-20 as follows:

Resolution 2020-20
IC&E Wetland Enhancement
INITIATE PROJECTS
2020-05

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board of Managers”) pursues the mission of implementing reasonable and necessary improvements to the water-related and other natural resources 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, project goals and objectives set forth in the Plan include:

- Improve water quality and clarity to District lakes
- Improve and enhance waterfowl habitat
- Reduce transport of sediment, nutrients and pesticides into surface waters through the drainage systems
- Minimize flood damage to property and preserve the function of the floodplain
- Restore and retain water upstream throughout the watershed
- Preserve existing rural and urban wetlands and encourage restoration and enhancement

WHEREAS, the District has pursued a comprehensive watershed approach to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality including filter strips, rock inlets, nutrient management systems, water and sediment basin installations, rough fish management practices, installation of fish barriers, septic system inspections, stream bank and ditch restoration projects and the installation of rain gardens.

THEREFORE be it hereby resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District:

Sec. 1: Initiates "Project No. 2020-05 IC&E Wetland Enhancement

Sec. 2: Authorizes District Staff to negotiate appropriate professional services agreements to promote and complete IC&E Wetland Enhancement

Sec. 3: Authorizes District Staff and the District's attorney to negotiate with area landowners for any necessary easement or fee title acquisition, subject to approval by the Board.

Sec. 4: Authorizes District Staff to conduct work as needed to present this project to the Board for review and public hearing as required by law.

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Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice-chairman Pestorious declared the motion passed.

Courtney continued with a Headwaters update. The District approved engineering services with Barr Engineering earlier this year. Barr and DNR staff were present last week for the stream survey for both the AMA and WPA locations. This surveyed information includes bank width, stream profiles, bank elevations and water elevations. The project will be engineered and designed this winter with construction scheduled to begin next fall.

Administrator Henschel discussed upcoming meetings dates including a possible Dredge Committee meeting, MAWD Annual Meeting, and the next SRRWD Board meeting.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Kramer, Bakken, DeBoer, Hanson, and Pacovsky. Vice- chairman Pestorious declared the motion passed.