

**Shell Rock River Watershed District
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022**

Managers present: Dan DeBoer, Mick Delger, Joe Pacovsky, and Gary Pestorius

Managers absent: Mike Hanson, Brad Kramer, and Al Bakken

Chairman Pestorius called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on July 12, 2022 at the Shell Rock River Watershed District, 214 W. Main St., Albert Lea, MN 56007.

No one from the public was present to speak during the Public Forum.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the June 14, 2022 SRRWD Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of the June 24, 2021 SRRWD Personnel Committee Meeting
- c. June 2022 Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- d. June 2022 Project Fund Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- e. Authorize Payment of Claims
- f. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda with additional item – 5g - Form a Building Committee.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Henschel reported that Technical Specialist, Scott Christenson, recently accepted a different position.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to Accept Scott Christenson's Resignation Letter.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Henschel reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 24, 2022, to discuss staff's performance reviews and complete his performance review. Administrator Henschel presented his recommendations for staff salary increases.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Henschel continued with a discussion on the exclusive right to gravel at the Headwaters Property for up to 180,000 tons or five years, whichever occurs first. Bids were due at 3:00 PM on June 17, 2022. The District received one bid for \$81,000.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to approve gravel lease with Ulland Brothers.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.'

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

Administrator Henschel discussed the excess clay material available for purchase at the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). The District is selling the clay by the truckload to any interested party at a cost of \$45.00 per standard truckload (12-15 ton truck). The District has received feedback from contractors that the price is too high. Andy recommended lowering the price to \$35.00 per standard truckload. Purchaser is still responsible for loading all purchased clay and purchaser must still agree to all terms and conditions of the District's Release, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Administrator Henschel provided an update regarding CDF Cells 2 and 3. Mediation was postponed due to a conflict of interest with the mediator. Mediation is now scheduled for September 27, 2022.

Andy Henschel continued with a legislative update. There has been no movement in regards to a bonding bill or special session. The District will prepare to request bonding dollars for the Fountain Lake Restoration again in 2023.

Andy Henschel concluded with the added agenda item. The SRRWD office and personal property suffered extensive water damage after recent flash flooding. The SRRWD is working with insurance and Freeborn County. Andy recommend forming a building committee.

Project and Program Manager, Courtney Phillips, provided an update on projects. The Vandegrift Wetland Restoration Project, located at the intersection of Highway 13 and Interstate 90, was recently completed and included a small change order to increase water storage.

The IC&E project, located north of Interstate 90 and east of Alden, was recently seeded. The District and US Fish and Wildlife Service submitted a petition to Freeborn County to abandon and reroute part of County Ditch 54 at the SRRWD's expense. Plans will go before the Board of Managers for approval after the petition process is finalized.

The SRRWD, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Minnesota Native Landscapes met to go over the seeding establishment along the Shell Rock River Restoration projects. The SRRWD is working with the DNR regarding trespassing at the staging area at the Aquatic Management Area site.

Administrator Henschel discussed the upcoming meetings. The next board meeting has been scheduled for August 9, 2022 at 8:30AM.

Manager DeBoer 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.