Shell Rock River Watershed District  
Board Workshop Minutes  
February 14, 2017

Present:  Dan DeBoer, Al Bakken, Mike Hanson, Mick Delger, Joe Pacovsky, Brett Behnke, Andy Henschel, Leah Lawrence, Philip Wacholz, Todd Lewis, Dan Giralamo, and Matt Benda.

Absent:  Bruce Haugsdal and Gary Pestorious

Board Chair DeBoer called the workshop to order February 14, 2017 at 9:35 a.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark St., Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007.

District Administrator, Brett Behnke, asked attendees to answer, “Why are we doing the Fountain Lake Restoration project?” The whys were discussed including sediment removal, nutrient removal, recreation, vegetation, fish, cleaner water, deeper water, and community support.

Brett Behnke continued the discussion by asking the attendees, “How do we complete the project?” The how’s were discussed including the legislature, data, funding, community support/shared ownership and agency permits. Continued collaboration and communication with partners is needed for the success of this project.

Next Administrator Behnke discussed options for bidding:

Option 1 includes a base bid and how much can be dredged for $3.5 million.

Option 2 includes how much can be dredged for $3.5 million plus a payment of $750,000 to the District for the equipment.

Option 3 includes how much can be dredged by using and returning the District equipment for $3.5 million.

Upfront funding was discussed.

Petitioning the County for upfront assistance was discussed.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:
Move to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the meeting.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.