Present: Dan DeBoer, Gary Pestorious, Al Bakken, Joe Pacovsky, Mike Hanson, Bruce Haugsdal, Mick Delger, Brett Behnke, Carmen Christensen, Courtney Christensen, Jerad Stricker, Leah Lawrence and Jerry Gabrielatos

Board Chair DeBoer called the Board Workshop to order at 10:00 a.m., at the Shell Rock River Watershed District office, 214 W. Main St. Albert Lea, Minnesota.

A copy of the Administrative Budget 2016-2017 Comparison was presented to the board. Administrator Behnke reviewed the budget line by line. He explained that like most watershed districts in Minnesota, the District levies $250,000 a year in property taxes to fund administrative costs. The majority of wages come out of the project fund. Jerad Stricker, Conservation Technician, gave an equipment update.

A copy of the Sales Tax Budget 2016-2017 Comparison was presented to the board. Administrator Behnke reviewed the budget line by line. The proposed project tax levy of $1million dollars and an increase to cover debt service was discussed. The City of Albert Lea’s cost share request for a street sweeper was discussed. Attorney Matt Benda explained the financing options.

The Country Club property was discussed including maintenance, staging areas, roads, and wetland credits.

The preliminary budget is due on September 15, 2016. The board was asked to review and direct any questions to Administrator Behnke.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following motion:
Move to adjourn the meeting.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the meeting.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.