Managers present: Dan DeBoer, Mick Delger, Mike Hanson, and Al Bakken

Managers absent: Joe Pacovsky, Gary Pestorious, and Brad Kramer

Vice Chairman Delger called the Special Meeting to order January 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Shell Rock River Watershed District office, 214 W Main St. Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Administrator Henschel explained the services provided to the Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD) by Conservation Strategies Legislative Representative, Judy Erickson. Judy represents the SRRWD at the capitol and serves as the point of contact with Senator Sparks and Representative Bennett. In addition, Judy assists with consulting, strategizing, and outreach. Her contract runs from January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019 for $39,000.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:  
Move to approve continued services with Judy Erickson, Conservation Strategies.
Manager Bakken seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Resource Technician, Courtney Phillips, gave a brief description of the Wedge Creek Wetland Restoration Project. This project is part of the Phase 4 Habitat Restoration Program and will include a land acquisition and wetland restoration for flood reduction.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:
Move to approve exercising the Wedge Creek Restoration Project Option Agreement and authorize District staff to execute all associated documents.
Manager Hanson seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

During Manager’s Items, Vice Chairman Delger reminded the board that the SRRWD conducts board meetings following Robert’s Rules of Order. He plans to implement more procedural practices in upcoming meetings. Manager Bakken questioned the need for bonding dollars for future dredging. Administrator Henschel explained that a funding meeting will be scheduled in March.

Administrator Henschel reminded the board about the upcoming annual meeting on March 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:
Move to adjourn the meeting.
Manager Bakken seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.