Shell Rock River Watershed District
Special Board Meeting
July 16, 2014

Managers present: Bruce Haugsdal, Gary Pestorious, Scott Erlandson, Al Bakken and Dan DeBoer

Manager absent: Clayton Petersen and Arthur Ludtke

Chair Manager Pestorious called the Special Meeting to order July 16, 2014 at 7:30 a.m., at the SRRWD Office, 214 West Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, asked the Board to consider Resolution 2014-08 Albert Lea Dam and Fish Barrier Bid Approval. An overview was given of the bid tabulations.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following resolution:

Resolution 2014-08
Albert Lea Dam and Fish Barrier
Project 2013-01
Awarding Bid

WHEREAS, the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers ("Board of Managers") pursues the mission of improving water quality 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 "Management Plan");

WHEREAS, the project goals and objectives set forth in the Plan include:

- Replacement of Albert Lea Lake Dam (Appendix B, Page 1, Objective 2); and
- Research and implement installing an electric weir on the Shell Rock River for rough fish control (Appendix B, Page 6, Objective 4, Action 3);

WHEREAS, BARR Engineering completed its Albert Lea Lake Dam and Fish Barrier Plan ("AL Lake Plan") and presented the AL Lake Plan to the Board;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2013, the District initiated the Albert Lea Lake Dam and Fish Barrier Project by Resolution 2013-01 (the "Project");

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2013, by Resolution 2013-04, the Board of Managers approved the specifications for the Project (the "Project Plan");

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2013, by Resolution 2013-11, the Board of Managers approved the Project Plan as presented by Barr Engineering, Smith-Root, Inc., and also approved sending it to the Board of Water & Soil Resources ("BWSR"), and holding a public hearing.

WHEREAS, the Project Plan was forwarded to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for its review and comment, which comments were received and reviewed by the Board of Managers;
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 9, 2013, to review the project plan;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2013, the Board of Managers, by Resolution 2013-18, passed an Establishment Order, authorizing the District to proceed with completion of the Project and initiating bids and requests for proposals or other necessary agreements;

WHEREAS, the estimate from Engineer, BARR Engineering, for completion of the Project, was $1,639,900 to $2,170,000 ("Engineer’s Estimate");

WHEREAS, following bid advertising, the bid opening was held on August 29, 2013;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2013, the Board of Managers passed Resolution 2013-22 - rejecting all bids and authorizing re-bidding of the Project, as each of the two bids received were 30% greater than the Engineer’s Estimate;

WHEREAS, following bid advertising, the bid opening was held on November 26, 2013;

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2014, the Board of Managers passed Resolution 2014-02 - rejecting all bids and authorizing re-bidding of the Project:

WHEREAS, following bid advertising, the bid opening was held on July 10, 2014;

WHEREAS, five bids were submitted ranging between the amounts of $1,708,770.80 and $2,684,135.75, for the completion of the Project pursuant to the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, following the bid opening for the Project, the engineer, BARR Engineering, reported a bid tabulation of the qualified bidders dated July 15, 2014 (the “Bid Tabulation”);

WHEREAS, the Bid Tabulation identified Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. for Base Bid plus Alternatives minus Schedule D&E, as the lowest qualified bidder for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the bid for the Project is awarded as follows:

Section 1: The Contract is awarded to Engineering & Construction Innovation, Inc for Base Bid plus Alternatives minus Schedule D & E, as the lowest qualified and responsible bidder; and

Section 2: The staff, the Chairman of the Board of Managers, and the Secretary are authorized to sign all contracts and documents necessary to proceed with the Project.

Approved by the Board of Managers of the Shell Rock River Watershed District on the 16th day of July, 2014.

Manager Erlandson seconded the resolution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Manager DeBoer   Yes
Manager Haugsdal  Yes
Manager Bakken    Yes
Manager Erlandson Yes
Manager Pestorious Yes
Resolution was approved.
Andy Henschel asked the Board to consider a motion to allow staff to initiate the start of a Vegetation Survey and Wetland Delineation Survey on Fountain Lake. It would be to the District’s benefit to have these surveys done this summer. The District has not received the costs of these surveys, but Staff will bring the cost of the surveys to the Board for approval before starting the projects.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following motion:

Move to allow District Staff to initiate a Vegetation Survey and a Wetland Delineation Survey on Fountain Lake to be done this year.

Manager Erlandson seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Behnke gave an update on an issue about the County Ditch System. The District Staff and Attorney are working with the County Attorney on the questions about the process and authority on new ditches and ditches with improvements. There will be a meeting at the Freeborn County Government Center on Friday, July 18, 2014, at 9 a.m. Manager Bakken, Manager Erlandson and Manager Haugsdal, along with District Staff, will attend the meeting.

Andy Henschel gave an update on the 206 Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. The Army Corp of Engineers would like to confirm the District’s position on having upland placement of dredge materials and if there is a Drawdown Structure Management Plan. The Corp of Engineers would like a letter stating the decisions within the next two weeks.

Managers discussed the uses for dredge spoil from Fountain Lake.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Erlandson seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned.