Managers present: Dan DeBoer, Gary Pestorious, Al Bakken, and Mick Delger

Managers absent: Brad Kramer, Mike Hanson, and Joe Pacovsky

Chairman DeBoer called the Special Board Meeting to order June 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Freeborn County Board Room 411 Broadway S. Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:

    Move to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda item 4e due to quorum.

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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

Public Forum – There were no public comments.

District Administrator, Andy Henschel, gave an update on the Fountain Lake Restoration project including daily progress, safety report and report of operations. Dredging contractor, J.F. Brennan, has removed approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sediment from Edgewater Bay to date. Water has not yet been discharged from the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) back to Fountain Lake. When it does, the SRRWD will begin monitoring the water that is returned.

The Shell Rock River Watershed District staff and Dredge Committee recommend selling the District’s dredge. The dredging contractor is not using the District’s dredge or pipe for the Fountain Lake Restoration project but is using one of the District’s booster pumps. It is in the best interest of the District to sell the dredge and convert it to liquid assets to be reinvested back into the project.

Manager Pestorious offered the following motion:

    Move to approve the Dredge Committee’s recommendation to sell the dredge. The District staff shall have authority to proceed consistent with applicable law.

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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

Andy Henschel continued with a discussion of the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) cells 2&3. Due to unsuitable soils, organic peat, the sequencing of construction will be different than the construction of cell 1. The proposal with O’Brien & Gere (OBG) is for engineering, design and
construction management services of CDF cells 2&3 for District procurement of earthworks contractor for construction.

Manager Pestorious offered the following motion:
   Move to approve O’Brien and Gere (OBG) proposal.
Manager Bakken seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda item e, resolution 2018-25 conflict of interest – Delger upgrades to District office, was removed from the agenda due to quorum. This item will be on the next monthly board meeting agenda.

Andy Henschel reminded the board of managers of the 2016 flooding that wrought destruction on habitat work completed on Wedge Creek from Fountain Lake to Interstate 90. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds will be used to repair grading and bank stabilization, rock weirs, in stream wildlife habitat work, erosion control and final seeding.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:
   Move to authorize District staff to put Wedge Creek FEMA fixes out for bid.
Manager Pestorious seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

During manager discussion items, Andy Henschel informed the board of managers that the upcoming months would require additional meetings. Leah Lawrence will send the board managers additional information regarding scheduling. Manager Delger thanked Sarah Kocher, Albert Lea Tribune, for her coverage of the Shell Rock River Watershed District.

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