
Managers absent: Dan DeBoer

Manager Clayton Petersen called the special meeting to order May 17, 2014 at 8:30 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 2014-04 Easement Agreement with St. John’s Lutheran Community.

Manager Erlandson offered the following resolution:
Move to approve Resolution 2014-04 Easement Agreement with St. John’s Lutheran Community.

Resolution 2014-04
Fountain Lake Restoration Project
Easement Exchange Agreement
St. John’s Lutheran Home

WHEREAS, the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers ("Board of Managers") pursues the mission of implementing reasonable and necessary improvements to the water-related and other natural resources 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 “Plan”);

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

- Implement rehabilitation that improves water quality and clarity in Fountain Lake;
- Employ lake management techniques to restore and improve aquatic vegetation;
- Consolidation, removal and stabilization of lake bottom sediments;
- Control of rough fish populations;
- Enhancement of aesthetic values;
- To reduce water and wind erosion;
- Reduce soil loss during storm events; and
- Reduce sediment delivery to surface waters; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Albert Lea voters overwhelmingly approved a .5% sales tax to fund local water projects;

WHEREAS, the District has pursued a comprehensive watershed approach to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality including filter strips, rock inlets, nutrient management systems, water and sediment basin installations, rough fish management practices, installation of fish barriers, septic system inspections, stream bank and ditch restoration projects and the installation of rain gardens.
WHEREAS, in furtherance of the project goals and direction of the citizens in the District, the District acquired a dredge in 2012;

WHEREAS, by resolution 2013-02, the Board authorized District staff and the District’s attorney to negotiate with area landowners for any necessary easement or fee title acquisition, subject to approval by the Board.

WHEREAS, staff has negotiated an Easement Exchange Agreement with St. John’s Lutheran Home of Albert Lea and is presented to the District for approval.

WHEREAS, this Easement Exchange Agreement provides access to complete the Fountain Lake Restoration Activities and otherwise furthers the objectives of the Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, approved this 19th day of May, 2014, be it hereby Resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District hereby:

Section 1: Accepts the terms of the Easement Exchange Agreement as presented by Staff and the District’s attorney; and

Section 2: Further authorizes District staff to conduct necessary actions and hire outside consultants to complete the terms of this agreement.

Manager Ludtke seconded the resolution.
After discussion, a roll call vote was taken;

Manager Ludtke     Yes
Manager Erlandson  Yes
Manager Bakken     Yes
Manager Clayton Petersen  Yes
Manager Pestorious  Yes (via phone)
Manager Roger Peterson Didn’t vote (via phone)

The resolution was approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.