

**Shell Rock River Watershed District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021**

Managers present via teleconference: Gary Pestorious, Al Bakken, Joe Pacovsky, Dan DeBoer, Mike Hanson, and Mick Delger

Managers absent: Brad Kramer

Chairman Delger called the regular meeting to order on February 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference as provided by Minnesota Statute 13D.021 Sub. 1. All SRRWD staff and board members can hear one another, the meeting is recorded and streamed live via www.shellrock.org and Facebook, and all votes are taken by roll call.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Bakken, Pacovsky, DeBoer, Hanson and Delger. Chairman Delger declared the motion passed.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda without additions, corrections, or deletions.

Manager Pestorious seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Bakken, Pacovsky, DeBoer, Hanson and Delger. Chairman Delger declared the motion passed.

Administrator Andy Henschel discussed the Personnel Committee's recommendation regarding the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Committee reviewed the COLA since 2019 for Freeborn County, City of Albert Lea, and the District. It was noted that District staff were not provided performance raises in July 2020.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to approve Personnel Committee's Recommendation for Cost of Living Adjustment effective February 15, 2021.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Bakken, Pacovsky, DeBoer, Hanson and Delger. Chairman Delger declared the motion passed.

Judy Erickson, Lobbyist for the SRRWD, provided a legislative update. The District met with Representative Peggy Bennett and Senator Gene Dornink and discussed the watershed and the Fountain Lake Restoration project in preparation for bonding. The Fountain Lake Restoration Project bills were recently introduced in the House and Senate. Judy also noted that she will continue to watch the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) and Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) go through the legislative process.

Project/Program Manager, Courtney Phillips, provided an update on the Glenville property. Funding for the project is through the LSOHC and the 20.23 acre property is located in Glenville on the south east side of the bridge that crosses the Shell Rock River. The property will eventually be transferred over to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2021-01 as follows:

**Resolution 2021-01
Glenville Property
Option Agreement Execution**

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the Shell Rock River Watershed District entered into an option agreement to purchase real estate owned by Connie F. Nelson and Clarice M. Dempewolf;

WHEREAS, the Original Option Agreement was recorded as Document A-544995 in the Office of the Freeborn County Recorder, on October 21, 2020;

WHEREAS, funding for the acquisition of the Glenville Property was approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council;

WHEREAS, the District received an appraisal establishing the appraised value of the Glenville Property at Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty (\$89,520);

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers now desires to exercise the Option Agreement and complete the purchase of the real estate.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District:

1. Authorizes Exercise of the Option granted in the Option Agreement dated October 13, 2020; and
2. Authorizes District staff to execute all documents properly exercisable by District staff to facilitate and affect this purchase of real estate.

Manager Pestorius seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said resolution: Pestorious, Bakken, Pacovsky, DeBoer, Hanson and Delger. Chairman Delger declared the resolution passed.

No reports were provided from the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers did not have any additional items they wanted to discuss.

Administrator Henschel reminded the Board of Managers that the next board meeting has been scheduled for March 9, 2021.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Bakken seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the following managers voted in favor of said motion: Pestorious, Bakken, Pacovsky, DeBoer, Hanson and Delger. Chairman Delger declared the motion passed.