

**Shell Rock River Watershed District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023**

Managers present: Mick Delger, Al Bakken, Joe Pacovsky, Dan DeBoer and Brad Kramer

Managers absent: Gary Pestorious and Mike Hanson

Chairman Delger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 7, 2023 at the Shell Rock River Watershed District, 305 S 1st Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007.

The Minutes of the February 14, 2023 will be removed from the consent agenda and added as item 6d. The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation and associated documents unless a Manager requests opportunity for discussion.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. February 2023 Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- b. February 2023 Project Fund Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- c. Authorize Payment of Claims
- d. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda.

Manager Bakken seconded the motion.

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

Pursuant to Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the meeting will now be closed as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.03 and 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to discuss strategy as it relates to the sale options and offer/listing price of the Country Club Property.

The Board Managers have concluded closed session to discuss strategy as it relates to the sale options and offer/listing price of the Country Club Property and reopen this regular Board Meeting of the SRRWD.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to table the approval of Century 21 as the listing agent for the Country Club Property.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Andy Henschel provided a legislative update. SF 172 (Senator Gene Dornink) and HF 277 (Representative Peggy Bennett) introduced bills to provide funding for Phase 3 of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project. Due to inflation, the bonding request increased to \$9 million. The House of Representatives passed a bonding package that included the District's bonding request. The District will continue to speak to Senator Gene Dornink as we wait for the Senate to draft their bonding bill.

Administrator Henschel discussed the need to hire a technician for property maintenance and water monitoring. Details of the position, including part-time or full-time, have not been determined yet.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to Hire a Technician.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

In Courtney Phillip's absence, Administrator Henschel provided an update on the Miller Tract Wetland Restoration, IC&E Wetland Enhancement, and Orr Wetland Restoration Project. Package 4 was put out for quotes. This portion of the project focuses on the public drainage system. Andy mentioned that the easements have been verbally approved. A total of three quotes were received by the deadline and a fourth was received afterwards and was disqualified. Morreim Drainage, Inc. base bid was \$68,746.00. Leland Excavating base bid was \$81,892.32. Jensen Excavating base bid was \$103,572.20. The engineer recommends the low quote for Package 4 at \$68,746.00 from Morreim Drainage, Inc. The grant deadline for the project is at the end of June, 2023.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to Award Morreim Drainage Inc. for \$68,746.00 for Package 4 of the Miller Tract Wetland Restoration, IC&E Wetland Enhancement, and Orr Wetland Restoration Project.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Henschel discussed the error in the February 14, 2023 minutes. Pertaining to the motion awarding Jensen Excavating & Trucking LLC for the Belshan Property, the minutes were updated to include that Manager Bakken abstained from voting.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting as presented.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Manager Bakken abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Administrator Henschel discussed upcoming important dates. The District office will be closed March 16, 2023 while some staff attends a training. A workshop, as requested by Manager Bakken, is being planned for the near future. Future collaboration with the SRRWD Board of Managers and the new Albert Lea City Council Members and Freeborn County Commissioners is being discussed. The next SRRWD monthly board meeting has been schedule for April 11, 2023.

Manager DeBoer 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.