

**Shell Rock River Watershed District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023**

Managers present: Mick Delger, Al Bakken, Joe Pacovsky, Mike Hanson, and Brad Kramer

Managers absent: Dan DeBoer and Gary Pectorious

Chairman Delger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 11, 2023 at the Shell Rock River Watershed District, 305 S 1st Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of the March 7, 2023 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting
- b. March 2023 Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- c. March 2023 Project Fund Treasurer's Report Subject to Audit
- d. Authorize Payment of Claims
- e. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements
- f. Quarterly Transfer

Manager Hanson seconded the motion.

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

Manager Hanson 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 offers for the Country Club Property.

The Board Managers have concluded closed session to discuss strategy as it relates to offers for the Country Club Property and reopened the regular Board Meeting of the SRRWD. Manager Kramer joined the meeting.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:

Move to accept the \$400,000.00 offer from Greg Jensen Trust for the Country Club Property.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Due to the acceptance of an offer, Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to table the motion to approve Century 21 as the listing agent for the Country Club Property.

Manager Bakken seconded the motion.

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

Courtney Phillips explained the impacts related to the proposed habitat restoration project on Fountain Lake that triggered the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The proposal from ISG Inc. to provide environmental review services totals \$15,000.00.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to Approve Proposal for Environmental Review – Fountain Lake In-Lake Habitat
Manager Bakken seconded the motion.

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

Courtney Phillips provided a legislative update. After a recent break, the legislature is back in session. The District will continue to speak to Senator Gene Dornink as we wait for the Senate to draft their bonding bill. Courtney also mentioned that \$2.198 million for the Phase 12 of the Habitat Restoration Program is included in the Legacy bill.

Referencing the MN Watershed's monthly newsletter, a brief update was provided regarding MN Watersheds events and news, including the upcoming Summer Tour.

Courtney reminded the board of managers of the need to hire a technician for property maintenance and water monitoring. SRRWD staff received applications and are conducting interviews at this time.

The SRRWD has signed a grant agreement and is preparing to spend BWSR 1W1P Watershed Based Implementation funds on street sweeping, rain gardens, and cover crops for the upcoming year.

Courtney discussed the Bancroft Wetland Restoration on the Olson property and County Ditch 65. This property was purchased with the intention of installing different wetlands. Being there are many options for holding water, ISG Inc. will complete a feasibility study on the site totaling \$6,000.00.

Chairman Delger reminded the board of managers of upcoming meetings. The next board meeting and workshop, as requested by Manager Bakken, has been scheduled for May 9, 2023. He also requested their presence at the MN Watershed Summer Tour dinner on June 20th and the tour on June 21st.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

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