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

Managers absent: Mike Hanson

Chairman Delger called the Regular Meeting to order August 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:
Move to approve the consent agenda as follows:
   a. Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
   b. Minutes of the July 9, 2019 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting
   c. July 2019 Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
   d. July 2019 Project Fund Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
   e. Authorize Payment of Claims
   f. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements
Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:
Move to approve the agenda without additions, corrections or deletions.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

In Administrator Henschel’s absence, Project/Program Manager, Courtney Phillips, gave a report. She began by informing the board that Brian Hensley has resigned from the Lakes Foundation and thanking him for his service. Susie Peterson continued by reading his resignation letter and explaining the plan for the Lakes Foundation going forward. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the Shell Rock River Watershed District office.

The Shell Rock River Watershed District Committee Appointments were named.

Manager Pestorious offered the following motion:
Move to approve the SRRWD Committee Appointments as presented. Manager Kramer seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Manager Bakken explained the 2018 clean audit outcome and reported that the audit is on the District’s website.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the 2018 audit as presented. Manager Kramer seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Courtney Phillips explained the District’s Cost Share Program and discussed the installation of Manager Kramer’s rain garden.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2019-15 as follows:

Resolution 2019-15
Shell Rock River Watershed District
Conflict of Interest – Kramer
Rain Garden Cost Share

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District (“SRRWD”) has a Cost Share and Incentive Program, which includes Rain Garden Cost Share of 75% of costs to design, prepare and construct, not to exceed $2,500.

WHEREAS, Brad Kramer is a resident within the watershed district;

WHEREAS, Brad Kramer is also a Board Manager for the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board;

WHEREAS, Brad Kramer qualifies for the cost share program;

WHEREAS, Brad Kramer has constructed a rain garden on his property within the Watershed District and requests cost share;

WHEREAS, Manager Kramer has filed an affidavit stating:

a. His name and the office held;

b. An itemization of the commodity or services provided;
c. His interest in the contract; and

d. That to the best of his knowledge and belief the rain garden project price is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the commodity or services could be obtained from other sources.

WHEREAS, the SRRWD and Kramer have follow all cost share procedures and, absent the conflict of interest, the cost share reimbursement could be approved by the Board per policy for any other similarly situated citizen requesting cost share;

NOW THEREFORE, in furtherance of the Shell Rock River Watershed District Watershed Management Plan and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, be it hereby Resolved by unanimous vote, Manager Kramer abstained from voting and recused himself from discussion of this issue, as follows:

Section 1: The District hereby authorizes payment of the Brad Kramer Rain Garden Cost Share, not to exceed $469.51;

Dated: August 13, 2019

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Manager Pestorious offered the following motion:

Move to approve Manager Brad Kramer’s Cost Share request for $469.51.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Courtney Phillips reported that Technical Specialist, Scott Christenson, is requesting to travel to Iowa to evaluate some carp exclusion screens.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to approve out of state travel for Scott Christenson.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

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

Courtney Phillips discussed the option to purchase property for a streambank restoration and native planting. This 22 acre parcel is part of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Phase 5 property.
Manager Kramer offered the following motion:

Move to execute the Option Agreement with Olive Schroeder.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Courtney Phillips discussed the One Watershed, One Plan progress. The contract with RE/SPEC Inc. was signed and a public kick-off meeting is being scheduled for August 21, 2019. The public is invited to share their project ideas and water resource concerns.

Technical Specialist, Scott Christenson, discussed the Pickerel Lake Site 12 Wetland Restoration. Construction to reconnect the wetland to Pickerel Lake will begin in the late fall.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to request quotes for Pickerel Lake Site 12 Wetland Restoration.
Manager Kramer seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

As the liaison to the City of Albert Lea and Freeborn County, Chairman Delger explained that he gave a dredging update and discussed the Goose Lake fish barrier at a previous meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates were stated.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.