Managers present: Gary Pestorius, Mike Hanson, Al Bakken, Brad Kramer, and Mick Delger

Managers absent: Dan DeBoer and Joe Pacovsky

Chairman Pestorius called the Regular Meeting to order November 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager Kramer offered the following motion:
Move to approve the consent agenda as follows:
   a. Minutes of the October 9, 2018 SRRWD Monthly Board Meeting
   b. Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
   c. October 2018 Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
   d. October 2018 Project Fund Treasurer’s Report Subject to Audit
   e. Authorize Payment of Claims
   f. Authorize Payment of Project Fund Disbursements

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

Public Forum – No comments were received.

The next Albert Lea Lakes Foundation meeting is on November 14, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Administrator Henschel introduced Chris Chalmers, Albert Lea Community Education Director. Chris informed the board that the Albert Lea Community Education will be hosting the International Paddling Film Festival on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center. All proceeds from this event go to support the Community Boathouse at the Brookside Boat landing. Community Education is seeking $450 from the SRRWD to co-sponsor the event.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:
Move to approve $450 to co-sponsor the Reel Paddling Film Festival.
Manager Hanson seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Administrator Henschel gave an update on the Fountain Lake Wetland Bank project. This project is located on the site of the old country club property. Construction of the berms began
this fall. The wetland banked credits will be used during the construction of the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) cells 2 & 3. Final seeding will take place in the spring of 2019.

Administrator Henschel gave an update on the Fountain Lake Restoration project. Dredging and the construction of CDF Cells 2 & 3 have ceased for the year but both projects will resume in the spring of 2019.

Administrator Henschel explained the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) resolutions and recommended Brad Kramer and Mick Delger to be delegates and vote at the annual meeting.

Manager Bakken offered the following motion:

Move to nominate Brad Kramer and Mick Delger as MAWD delegates.

Manager Hanson seconded the motion.

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

Resource Technician, Courtney Phillips, introduced Dave Copeland, BWSR Board Conservationist and Shaina Keseley, BWSR Clean Water Specialist. They will be overseeing the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program and Targeted Watershed grant. 1W1P requires a policy committee of local plan authorities for the purpose of making final decision about the content of the plan and its submittal and regarding expenditure of funds allocated for plan development. One board manager is needed to sit on this committee.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to approve Mick Delger as the 1W1P Policy Committee member.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

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

Courtney continued by providing some background on the Storm Water Credit Trading program. The SRRWWD applied for a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grant and received $300,000 to develop a storm water quality credit trading pilot program within the watershed district.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2018-38 as follows:

Resolution 2018-38
Implement a Pilot Credit-Trading System for Storm Water in the Shell Rock River Watershed for Improved Water Quality
Engineering Services Bid Award

WHEREAS, the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers ("Board of Managers") pursues the mission of improving water quality 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 "Management Plan");

WHEREAS, the District applied for a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Grant (LCCMR) to Implement a Pilot Credit-Trading System for Storm Water in the Shell Rock River Watershed for Improved Water Quality.

WHEREAS, the District received a $300,000 grant from the LCCMR in July 2018.

WHEREAS, following bid advertising for Credit Trading Engineering Services, the bid opening was held on October 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, two bids were submitted in the amounts of $263,320 and $275,000 for the completion of the Project pursuant to the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, the District Staff recommended RESPEC as the lowest qualified bidder;

THEREFORE, the Board of Managers hereby finds that the Project has the potential to promote the public interest and welfare, is practicable, and conforms to the watershed management plan as set forth above.

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

Section 1: The Contract is awarded to RESPEC as the lowest bidder and in the best interests of the District pursuant to the terms of the Contract; and

Section 2: The staff, the Chairman of the Board of Managers, and the Secretary are authorized to sign all contracts and documents necessary to proceed with the Project.

Manager Kramer seconded the motion.

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

Courtney continued with an update on several BWSR Targeted Watershed projects. The Pickerel Lake Streambank Restoration project will begin in a few days and substantial completion is expected by the end of November. The Owen’s Wetland Restoration project will be going out for bid today and may be award at the next board meeting. The Wosmoen Wetland Restoration project plans are expected in December and the project will be ready to bid in February. The SRRWD and the University of Minnesota are continuing to work on plans regarding the Two-Stage Ditch Restoration. A meeting with the landowner will be scheduled in the near future.

Andy Henschel gave an update on behalf of Conservation Technician, Scott Christenson. The Upper Twin Lake pumping station project, funded by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
Council (LSOHC), will give the District the ability to manage Upper Twin Lake independently of Lower Twin Lake to influence water quality and aquatic vegetation.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to introduce Resolution 2018-33 as follows:

Resolution 2018-33
Upper Twin Lakes Project
BID AWARD

WHEREAS, the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers ("Board of Managers") pursues the mission of improving water quality 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 "Management Plan");

WHEREAS, following bid advertising for the construction of Upper Twin Lakes Project, the bid opening was held on November 6, 2018;

WHEREAS, four bids were submitted ranging between the amounts of $517,945 and $859,312 for the completion of the Project pursuant to the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, WSB & Associates recommended Minger Construction Companies, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder;

THEREFORE, the Board of Managers hereby finds that the Project has the potential to promote the public interest and welfare, is practicable, and conforms to the watershed management plan as set forth above.

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

Section 1: The Contract is awarded to Minger Construction Companies, Inc. as the lowest bidder and in the best interests of the District pursuant to the terms of the Contract; and

Section 2: The staff, the Chairman of the Board of Managers, and the Secretary are authorized to sign all contracts and documents necessary to proceed with the Project.

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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

Regarding project updates, the water monitoring season is over for the year and Scott has been collecting the monitoring equipment. He is also collecting quotes for the water monitoring
report that will be debuted at the Annual Meeting. Scott continues to work with WSB on a fish barrier on Lower Twin Lake and a wetland restoration on Pickerel Lake.

Claire Rabine, a Minnesota GreenCorps member, gave an update on projects that she is working on. She collaborated with the Albert Lea Parks and Recreation Department and planted trees around Albert Lea. In the near future, she will be visiting local elementary schools and teach them about water pollution. Finally, she is reviewing conceptual plans for a rain garden in the District’s parking lot and creating an informational sign to be displayed once the garden is installed.

During Manager’s Items, Manager Al Bakken questioned the functionality of the Goose Lake fish barrier. Andy Henschel explained that WSB is currently doing modeling to find ways to fix the flow issue and the barrier should be functioning by the spring of 2019. WSB and Smith Root will cover 100% of the fix. Andy reminded the board managers of the upcoming meetings including the board meeting and workshop.

Laura Cunningham briefly updated the board on the upcoming Governor’s Fishing Opener. Sponsors and hosts are still needed and more information is available at the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

Dave Copeland, BWSR Conservationist, gave kudos to the SRRWD staff regarding projects.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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