Managers present: Scott Erlandson, Clayton Petersen, Arthur Ludtke, Bruce Haugsdal, and Dan DeBoer

Managers absent: Gary Pestorious and Al Bakken

Board Treasurer Erlandson called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m., at the Shell Rock River Watershed District Office, 214 West Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Administrator Behnke went through the Administration Budget and the Non-Property Tax Budget. Managers discussed the changes.

Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, gave an update on the current status of the Dredging Project. The Managers were presented with a proposal from Barr Engineering for the next phase of the Fountain Lake Dredging Project. Managers talked about decisions that need to be made prior to negotiating on an Engineering Contract to proceed with the project. A choice between Rapid Dewatering or a Confined Dewatering Facility is one of the decisions to be made.

Administrator Behnke gave an update on the county ditch repairs and improvements issues. Ditch 21 residents are coming with a petition to repair the ditch. Their Attorney states that this project is under the Watershed’s jurisdiction. The State Statutes states that if an improvement is made to a county ditch, the Watershed will have to take jurisdiction over that ditch. The Attorney General opinion is that the watershed should have jurisdiction if an improvement has been made to the ditch. The District will have to make a policy to determine our involvement with the improvements on ditches. More discussion will have to take place with the County and then determine how much we will be involved.

Manager Erlandson offered the following motion:
Move to adjourn the meeting.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.