Managers present: Dan DeBoer, Joe Pacovsky, Al Bakken, Mike Hanson and Mick Delger

Managers absent: Gary Pestorious and Bruce Haugsdal

Board Chair DeBoer called the special meeting to order January 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Board Chair DeBoer opened a public forum.

Laura Cunningham, 1204 Cedar Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007, gave an update on behalf of Lakes Foundation Committee.

- The Lakes Foundation Committee has scheduled a day at the Minnesota State Capitol for February 22, 2017.
- Laura congratulated the Shell Rock River Watershed District board and staff on receiving the Dam Safety Permit.
- The local option sales tax bill was introduced to the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate.
- The Lakes Foundation Committee is planning the next Lakes Clean-up event in May.

Larry Baker, 1315 Lakeview Blvd., Albert Lea, MN 56007, is interested in attending the day at the capitol on February 22, 2017 to voice his support for the local option sales tax. Administrator Behnke thanked Larry Baker for his endorsement of the local option sales tax and his working relationship.

Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, gave an update:

- The SRRWD was issued the Dam Safety Permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the construction of Cell 1 the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). Additional permits still need to be issued.
- Frattalone Companies Inc. was awarded the bid to construct the CDF. With the issuance of the Dam Safety Permit, the SRRWD can proceed with a notice to proceed with Frattalone Companies Inc. The completion date has changed to August 15, 2017.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to Approve Notice to Proceed with Frattalone Companies Inc.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
• A SRRWD workshop has been scheduled on February 14, 2017 following the regular monthly board meeting to discuss topics related to bidding the Fountain Lake Restoration Project.
• A draft application for the DNR Water’s permit was presented to the board of managers. The SRRWD would like to send this out in the beginning of February.

Manager’s Items: Manager Bakken requested oxygen levels from Conservation Technician, Jerad Stricker. Jerad reported that the oxygen levels are great and he does not expect any winter kill this year.

Manager Hanson 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.