Managers Present: Dan DeBoer, Al Bakken, Bruce Haugsdal, Joe Pacovsky, Mike Hanson and Mick Delger

Managers Absent: Gary Pestorious, Mike Hanson

Chairman DeBoer called the Special Meeting to order October 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., at the Freeborn County Board Room, 411 Broadway S., Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:
Move to approve the agenda.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following resolution:
Move to approve Resolution 2016-21 as follows:

Resolution 2016-21
Pickerel Lake Dam Project
Bid Award
Project # 2015-01

WHEREAS, The Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board of Managers”) pursues the mission of implementing reasonable and necessary improvements to the water-related and other natural resources 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 “Plan”);

WHEREAS, project goals and objectives set forth in the Plan include:

- Replacement of Pickerel Lake Dam
- Increase fisheries habitat
- Reduce and manage rough fish populations
- Improve water quality and clarity in Pickerel Lake
- Improve and enhance waterfowl habitat
- Employ lake management techniques to restore and improve aquatic vegetation in Pickerel Lake

WHEREAS, the District has pursued a comprehensive watershed approach to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality including filter strips, rock inlets, nutrient management systems, water and sediment basin installations, rough fish management practices, installation of fish barriers, septic system inspections, stream bank and ditch restoration projects and the installation of rain gardens.

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2015, the District initiated the Pickerel Lake Dam Project by Resolution 2015-06;
WHEREAS, The Project Plan was forwarded to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their review and comment and said comments were received by letter dated July 8, 2016;

WHEREAS, On August 30, 2016, by Resolution 2016-15, the Board of Managers approved the specifications for the Project (the “Final Project Plan”);

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 13, 2016 to review the project plan;

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016, by Resolution 2016-17, the Board of Managers Established Project NO. 2015-01( the”Project”);

WHEREAS, following bid advertising for the Project, the bid opening was held on October 12, 2016;

WHEREAS, four bids were submitted ranging between the amounts of $557,489.65 and $172,083,302.20, for the completion of the Project pursuant to the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, following the bid opening for the Project, the engineer, WSB & Associates, reported a bid tabulation of the responsible bidders and letter recommendation dated October 17, 2016 (the “Bid Tabulation”);

WHEREAS, the Bid Tabulation identified Landwehr Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder in the best interests of the District for the Project;

THEREFORE, the Board of Managers hereby finds that the proposed Pickerel Lake Dam Project has the ability to promote the public interest and welfare in conformity with the watershed management plan as set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby Resolved that the Shell Rock River Watershed District hereby:

Section 1: The Contract is awarded to Landwehr Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder in the best interests of the District; 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.

Approved by the Board of Managers of the Shell Rock River Watershed District on the 25th day of October, 2016.

Manager Haugsdal seconded the resolution.
After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Manager Delger-Yes
Manager Haugsdal-Yes
Manager Pacovsky-Yes
Manager Bakken-Yes
Manager DeBoer-Yes
The resolution was unanimously approved.

Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations, gave an update:
- Smith-Root will inspect five sites impacted by the flooding event. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Manager Delger offered the following motion:
   Move to approve Smith-Root, Inc. to Inspect Sties after Flood Event.
Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Manager’s Item: Manager Bakken informed the board that the City of Albert Lea is flushing hydrants and leaves are being washed into the storm sewers. Chairman DeBoer presented a letter the District received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) regarding the Fountain Lake Restoration Basis of Design Report (BODR).

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