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

Board Chair Pestorious called the Special Meeting to order May 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following motion:

   Move to approve the agenda.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Behnke discussed a marketing and educational outreach plan with Good Steward Consulting.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

   Move to approve the Good Steward Consulting Contract.

Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.

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

Administrator Behnke updated the board on the legislative issues. The SRRWD received its fifth funding allocation from LSOCH for $1.2 million. The sales tax bill was not introduced before the end of the biennium. Manager Al Bakken requested the Stables Area to be on the agenda next month.

Director of Field Operations, Andy Henschel, discussed the LSOHC Phase 6 Grant Application.

Manager Hanson offered the following resolution:

   Move to approve Resolution 2016-09 as follows:

   Shell Rock River Watershed District
   Resolution 2016-09
   L-SOHC Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shell Rock River Watershed District, hereinafter referred to as “Authorized Official” (Authorized Agent) acts as legal sponsor for the Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VI contained in the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (L-SOHC) Application to be submitted on May 26, 2016, and that Authorized Official is hereby authorized to apply to the LSOHC, hereinafter referred to a “State,” for funding of this project on behalf of the applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate acquisition, maintenance and protection of the proposed project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has not incurred any construction costs or has not entered into any written agreements to purchase property proposed by this project.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Applicant has not violated any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to fraud bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the application by the State, the Authorized Official may enter into an Agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that the Applicant certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the contract agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Andy Henschel, Director of Field Operations or Brett Behnke, District Administrator for the Shell Rock River Watershed District, is hereby authorized to execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Applicant.

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Manager Pacovsky seconded the resolution.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Manager Delger -yes
Manager Haugsdal -yes
Manager Pacovsky -yes
Manager Bakken -yes
Manager Hanson -yes
Manager DeBoer -yes
Manager Pestorious -yes

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Andy Henschel discussed the Targeted Watershed Program. This grant application targets projects within the Pickerel Lake Subwatershed. The grant was fully funded at $825,610.

Andy Henschel also discussed the Pickerel Lake 60% design. The dam on Pickerel Lake is in dire need of reconstruction. The new dam will have a fish passage structure, draw down structure and a cat walk.

Manager’s Items: Manager Haugsdal shared a positive story from a SRRWD supporter. Manager Delger questioned who cleans the fish barriers. Andy Henschel explained that the SRRWD and the City of Albert Lea share the responsibilities.

Manager Haugsdal 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.