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

Managers absent: Dan DeBoer

Vice Chair Pestorious called the special meeting to order June 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda with the following change:

• Switch the order of agenda item 4a and b.

Manager Haugsdal seconded the motion.

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

Brett Behnke, District Administrator, briefly discussed the Dredge Committee including their purpose, meeting dates, and members. Andy Henschel discussed the timeline as it pertains to the dredging portion of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project. The SRRWD is working closely with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Public Waters Permit, Waters Appropriation Permit and Aquatic Invasive Species Permit. DNR staff told the SRRWD that the permits would be issued in June, 2017. It is staff’s recommendation to continue moving the project forward. The next steps would be to prepare the bids or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the dredging portion of the project and to get the bonding in order to have money on hand for the bid contracts. The board previously approved proceeding on a Best Value Bid. The Best Value Bid process and criteria was discussed. A workshop was tentatively scheduled for the following week. The Fountain Lake Dredging budget was discussed—specifically the expenditures since the SRRWD received the $7.5 million bonding dollars from the state. In order to continue with the project, a bond for $1.8 million dollars was discussed. The $1.8 million bond funds will provide the District with the ability to maximize its options to successfully complete dredge contract number 1, prepare for CDF cells 2 and 3, and dredge contract number 2. The sales tax extension was never intended to replace the need for the $1.8 million dollars in bond funds but to prepare for dredge contract number 2. A credit rating is needed to get a bond.

Manager Hanson offered the following resolution:

Move to approve Resolution 2017-06 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-06

INITIATING THE PROCESS FOR THE NEGOTIATED SALE OF TAX SUPPORTED DRAINAGE BONDS SERIES 2017A
WHEREAS, by resolution 2017-02 on April 11, 2017, the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board of Managers”) issued its Establishment Order for Project 2013-02 Fountain Lake Restoration Project – Dredge Contract No. 1.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the Shell Rock River Watershed District, State of Minnesota (herein, the “District”), as follows:

1. The Board of Managers hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient to initiate the process to sell and issue its fully registered Tax Supported Drainage Bonds Series 2017A (herein, the “Bonds”). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with any additional funds of the District, for funding Project 2013-02 Fountain Lake Restoration Project – Dredge Contract No. 1.

2. The Board of Managers desires to proceed with the sale of the Bonds by direct negotiation and hereby authorizes David Drown Associates, Inc. (herein, “DDA”) to initiate this process on behalf of the District.

3. DDA is authorized to prepare an Official Statement and to secure a credit rating if required for the sale of the Bonds.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved and seconded and passed upon vote being taken thereon on the 2nd day of June, 2017.

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 Hanson: Yes
Manager Pestorious: Yes

Administrator Behnke discussed the vacant Conservation Technician position at the SRRWD office.

Manager Haugsdal offered the following motion:
Move to approve hiring a Conservation Technician at the SRRWD.

Manager Delger seconded the motion.

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

Manager Bakken 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.