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

Managers absent: Brad Kramer

Chairman Pestorious called the Special Meeting to order July 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Albert Lea City Council Chambers, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Manager DeBoer offered the following motion:

Move to approve the agenda with the deletion of agenda item 6a due to lack of bids and the addition of agenda item 7c drainage discussion on the Shell Rock River.

Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.

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

Public Forum – There were no comments received from the public.

District Administrator, Andy Henschel, gave an update on the District’s insurance status. Since 2003 the District has had coverage with the Cincinnati Insurance Company. A recent audit resulted in a substantial premium increase. Andy Peterson, Security Insurance agent, explained the premium increase due to subcontractor cost. He discussed the policy through the League of Minnesota Cities and compared prices between the two companies.

Manager Pacovsky offered the following motion:

Move to move insurance to the League of Minnesota Cities.

Manager DeBoer seconded the motion.

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

Andy Henschel discussed the construction of cells 2&3 of the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). Although these cells would be used for contract 2 of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project, when Edgewater Bay is complete, construction will be accelerated due to peat soil on the site. These soils would compress over the winter and construction would resume in 2019.

Manager Delger offered the following motion:

Move to put the construction of CDF cells 2&3 out for bid.

Manager Bakken seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
The committee list was discussed including the addition of the communication committee.

Andy Henschel discussed the progress of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project. As of July 20, 2018, 96,000 of 617,000 cubic yards of sediment have been removed from Edgewater Bay of Fountain Lake. As of Monday, July 23, 2018 water was discharged from the CDF back to Fountain Lake. The SRRWD, per DNR permit requirements, continues to monitor the water returning back to Fountain Lake. A dredge committee meeting will be schedule in the upcoming weeks to discuss contract 2 of the Fountain Lake Restoration Project.

Resource Technician, Courtney Phillips, discussed the option agreement regarding the 80-acre property west of Church Lake. This

Manager Hanson offered the following motion:
   Move to approve the option agreement with CAS Enterprise funded by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
Manager Pacovsky seconded the motion.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Courtney Phillips continued with an update on the Owen’s property. The area was recently sprayed, a temporary cover crop will be seeded to control the weeds, and native seeding will be planted this fall. The driveway and culvert installation is complete.

No report from the Personnel Committee at this time.

Joe Pacovsky, on behalf of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee, relayed a question regarding the dredge location during the winter months. Andy Henschel explained that the dredging contractor will winterize the dredge and it will stay in the water on Edgewater Bay.

Al Bakken alerted the board of managers to drainage issues on the Shell Rock River, south of Glenville. Because of the wet summer, fallen trees have narrowed the river and are causing flood hazards. Manager Bakken would like to coordinate a meeting with Freeborn County to help the landowners in this area. Scott Christenson, Conservation Technician, recently submitted a grant to fund water storage in this Grass Lake area.

Manager DeBoer 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.