

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**April 7, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 state of emergency. Present remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, and Matt Widboom, county commissioners; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor. Dan Livdahl, administrator, was present on-site.

The minutes of the March regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Lake Okabena carp population control activities were discussed. Plans to remove carp from the lake this spring were cancelled due to the stay home order during the state of emergency. Livdahl will continue to track carp movement as often as possible through the spawning season. A proposed scope of work document is expected from Wenck in April recommending activities for the year.

Pheasants Forever and BWSR are working on a plan to use the full \$264,600 Wellhead Protection Grant amount received from the state during the Drost property closing. Mahlberg and Ingenthron will evaluate any agreement or budget. They are authorized to approve the transfer the remaining \$32,100 to Nobles County Pheasants Forever if appropriate.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mahlberg and Livdahl installed the stoplogs and lowered the fish screens at the Lake Ocheda dam on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The lake elevation rose to its full service level by mid-afternoon.

The Ocheda dam stoplogs fit well but four of the stoplog spacers will need to be resized. Land Pride Construction foreman, Fred Halverson, will be on-site tomorrow to fix them and put other finishing touches on the dam and construction site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Nobles County Public Works Department building is closed to the public. Employees performing critical tasks can work in the building, but others are asked to work from home until the stay home order is lifted. Livdahl will work from home until during this time. He may need to use the office computer for some essential duties.

**PERMITS**

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permits and give Livdahl the authority to sign the permit resolution documents.

**City of Worthington** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a picnic shelter, parking area and restrooms at Slater Park.

**City of Worthington** – to perform erosion and sediment control during demolition of the old park shelter, construction of a new park shelter and construction of a playground at Centennial Park.

**City of Worthington** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of restrooms at Buss Field.

**Independent School District #518** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during demolition and construction of facilities at Trojan Field, Worthington.

**Dan Krueger** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a home addition at 2625 Fox Farm Road, Worthington.

Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

**Administrator's Report**  
**May 5, 2020**