



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**July 6, 2021**

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 meeting software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

The minutes of the June regular board meeting were reviewed. Ingenthron 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**

The meeting for residents and landowners around Sunset Bay to discuss carp control alternatives was not scheduled. Livdahl will contact the city again to set a date.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Bella Park boat ramp was repaired in June. Possible improvements to the park's trails were discussed.

Ocheda and Okabena lakes water quality sampling began in June. The total phosphorus level was very high in Ocheda (480 ppb). The chlorophyll-a level was about three times higher in Lake Ocheda than in Lake Okabena.

An algae bloom sample, taken today at Ehlers Park, tested negative for microcystins.

Thistles and wild parsnips were sprayed with Milestone at Bella Park in June. More thistles will be sprayed in the easement area at Prairie View soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2020 financial audit report was emailed to meeting attendees. Rogers moved to approve the audit. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Five thousand dollars was pledged by the district to replace the duck blind and dock with a new floating dock at the Prairie Wetland Learning Area. A check for \$3500 was mailed to the US Fish and Wildlife Service on June 21<sup>st</sup> to match CARES Act funding for the structure. The remaining \$1500 is available if the USFWS needs it for the project.

**PERMITS**

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permit applications.

**City of Worthington** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of an Aquatic

Center at 780 Crailsheim Road.

**City of Worthington** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a fieldhouse facility at 700 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Worthington.

**Robert and Lori Bristow** - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a driveway at 1143 West Lake Avenue, Worthington.

**ISD 518** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of the Community Education Center facility at 825 North Crailsheim Drive, Worthington.

Bousema 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 August 3, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.