

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Scott Rall, advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2017 budget hearing and the September regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$46,000 from savings into checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Mahlberg moved to approve the following cost-share agreement:

Paul Busse - terrace project - 75% of the actual cost, up to a maximum payment of \$7875.00

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

OLD BUSINESS

The advisory committee met on September 8th to make recommendations for presenting the draft Ocheda management plan to the public. Minutes of the meeting were reviewed by the managers. Recommendations included holding at least three public meetings, using social media and outreach through the Daily Globe and radio. Rall stated he met with one Lake Ocheda shoreline owner to explain the plan. He volunteered to meet with others as needed.

The benefits and costs of installing a data buoy in Lake Okabena to record real time weather and water quality data was discussed. The data collected would not replace the monthly water quality monitoring program but would be supplemental to it. The educational benefits of a continuous data set and real time access to the data were discussed. The buoy would cost approximately \$40,000. The Lake Okabena Improvement Association, Olson Trust or Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation, could be approached to see if they are willing to pay a portion of the cost. Operation and maintenance costs for a buoy are unknown. Mahlberg volunteered to visit the West Lake Okaboji buoy site and bring a report to the November meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The billboard on the St. John property was removed last summer. The annual rental check was returned to the sign company in August.

Crushed blacktop was installed on some of the roads at Bella park. More grading and roadwork may be needed for safety and public access. The managers will look at the park roads before the November meeting.

Water quality data from samples taken on the east and west basins of Lake Ocheda on August 31st was presented. Sampling was done on that day to determine whether monitoring needs to be done at more than one location to characterize water quality in the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

A list of 2016 CRP filter strip incentive payments to be issued in October was reviewed. Drive-by site inspections will be completed before the checks are mailed. Independent School District 518 purchased Walter Vogt's filter strip site in April 2016. The managers discussed who should get the payment. Rogers moved to split the money between the district and Vogt unless there is an agreement between them about who gets the payment. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Abstained: Ingenthron, Milbrandt. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permits:

Fastenal Company - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a building addition at 250 Industrial Lane, Worthington.

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of the Grand Terrace Apartments project at 1585 Grand Avenue, Worthington.

THK Properties of Minnesota - to perform erosion and sediment control during demolition of an existing building and construction of a new building at 1036 Oxford Street, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.