

# OKABENA-CHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT

## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



OKABENA-CHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT  
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**OKABENA-UCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT  
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# OKABENA-OCHEDEA WATERSHED DISTRICT

## 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Clean Water Partnership

1. Contributed \$2675.60 to the Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Organization (JPO) for operating expenses.
2. Provided administrative and technical assistance to the JPO to manage CWP projects.
3. Conducted water quality monitoring of Lake Okabena monthly from April to October.
4. Splitting the cost with Worthington, provided incentive payments for 169 acres of filter strips covering 90 percent of the streams in the Lake Okabena sub-watershed.
5. Conducted and paid for water quality monitoring of Lake Ocheda twice monthly from June through September. Reported data in STORET.
6. Conducted turbidity monitoring of Judicial Ditch 6 (Lake Okabena outlet) weekly from May through September. Reported data in STORET.

### Conservation Practices

1. Made 50 CRP filter strip incentive payments totaling \$31,212.50 covering 329 acres throughout the District.
2. Cost-shared to rebuild one grassed waterway.
3. Cost-shared to seal three abandoned wells.
4. Made incentive payments totaling \$36,753.34 to place 34.9 acres in 45 year CREP II filter strip easements protecting surface and groundwater quality.

### Wellhead Protection

1. Provided an incentive payment of \$40,908.09 to place 42.5 acres into a 45 year CREP II wellhead protection easements in the Malcolm and Bella wellhead protection areas.
2. Conducted a household hazardous waste pickup for rural landowners in the Malcolm and Bella wellhead protection areas. Disposed of 3000 pounds of hazardous waste from ten farmsteads.
3. Worked in partnership with Pheasants Forever and Worthington Public Utilities, and contributed \$25,000, to purchase approximately 155 acres of agricultural land in the Bella wellhead protection area. Approximately 65 acres of this land will be traded for a nearby similar sized parcel of restorable wetland. The land will be donated by Pheasants Forever to the DNR.

### Public Information and Education

1. Sponsored educational tours including the Prairie Ecology Bus for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Prairie Wetland Learning Area in September.
2. Published notices of permit requirements in the *Daily Globe* and *On the Farm*.
3. Worked for Worthington to accomplish educational components of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan including:
  - Creating storm water education factsheets and other content for the City of Worthington's website.
  - Installing 200 storm sewer markers in Worthington.
4. Worked with the Lake Okabena Improvement Association and Nobles County to:
  - Provide water quality education during Worthington's Windsurfing Regatta using the Prairie Ecology Bus.

- Install water quality education billboards for six months in two locations in Worthington.
- Print non-point pollution prevention advertisements in the Daily Globe.

### **District Property Maintenance**

1. Repaired picnic shelter structures in Bella Park
2. Painted Bella Park restroom building.
3. Picked up litter and mowed weekly at Bella Park.
4. Sprayed to control thistles on the Ocheda Dam and Bella Park properties.
5. Replaced trees on the Ocheda Dam property.

### **Permits**

Approved 50 permit applications including:

- 19 permits to install tile for agricultural drainage (82,150'),
- 2 permits for storm water control facilities,
- 27 permits for construction site erosion control,
- 1 permit for lakeshore stabilization,
- 1 permit for wildlife pond maintenance,
- 1 permit for drainage ditch maintenance, and
- 1 permit for a grassed waterway reconstruction.

# Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District 2007 Income and Expenses

Jan - Dec 07

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

CD Interest	2,353.31
Checking Interest	20.13
CWP Reimbursements	10,719.00
District Levy	98,629.70
Insurance Premium Refund	621.00
Local Government Aid	11,546.48
Miscellaneous Income	150.00
Money Market Account Interest	1,217.89
Permit Inspection Fees	525.00
Property Rent	3,750.00
Storm Water Education	6,000.00
USDA CRP Payment	2,037.00

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>137,569.51</b>
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**Expenses**

Audits	850.00
Bank Fees	45.00
BMP Cost-Share	2,312.50
Capital Outlay - Office Equip.	1,999.90
CREP Easement Incentive	77,661.43
CWP Board Expense Contributions	2,675.60
Education Expenses	890.00
Filter Strip Incentives	31,212.50
Insurance and Bonds	2,379.00
Legal	300.00
MAWD Dues	1,821.19
MAWD Meeting Expenses	630.54
Miscellaneous	514.15
Office Expenses	4,262.73
Payroll Expenses	50,402.99
Property Maintenance	782.91
Property Purchase	25,000.00
Property Taxes	15.86
Public Notices	627.63
Storm Water Education Expenses	362.60
SWCD Services	3,250.00
Water Sampling	1,910.19

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>209,906.72</b>
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-72,337.21</b>
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# Balance Sheet

## December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
District Checking	24,985.62
Wgtn Federal Money Market Acct.	<u>20,492.02</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>45,477.64</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>45,477.64</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>45,477.64</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	193,655.50
Retained Earnings	-75,840.65
Net Income	<u>-72,337.21</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>45,477.64</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>45,477.64</u></u>