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OKABENA-OCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT
2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Clean Water Partnership
1. Contributed $2,377.74 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 structures.
3. Conducted water quality monitoring of Lake Okabena monthly from May through October.
4. Splitting the cost with Worthington, provided incentive payments for 150.2 acres of filter strips covering 90 percent of the streams in the Lake Okabena sub-watershed.
5. Conducted turbidity monitoring of Judicial Ditch 6 (Lake Okabena outlet) weekly from May through August. Reported data in STORET.

Conservation Practices
1. Made 50 CRP filter strip incentive payments totaling $29,833.50 covering 315 acres throughout the District. These filter strips protect 12.9 miles of stream courses and 16.7 miles of lake and wetland shorelines.
2. Cost-shared to build 8 rain gardens in Worthington.
3. Cost-shared to seal 8 abandoned wells.
4. Cost-shared to replace 3 failing septic systems.

Wellhead Protection
1. Working with Nobles County Environmental Service staff, disposed of 1000 pounds of hazardous waste from three households in the Malcolm and Bella Wellhead Protection Areas.
2. Worked in partnership with Pheasants Forever to trade approximately 65.5 acres of higher quality cropland on the Hallstrom property to Dean Christopherson for 64.6 acres of drained wetland and marginal agricultural land. A 22 acre wetland was restored on the Christopherson property to protect water quality and enhance ground water recharge in the Lake Bella aquifer. Titles to the Hallstrom and Christopherson properties were transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.
3. Worked with Pheasants Forever to sign purchase agreements for two pieces of property totaling approximately 41.3 acres in the Lake Bella Wellhead Protection Area. With financial assistance from Worthington Public Utilities and the watershed district, Pheasants Forever will complete both land transactions in 2009.

Public Information and Education
1. Sponsored educational tours for 5th grade students using the Prairie Ecology Bus at the Worthington Prairie Wetland Learning Area.
2. Published notices of permit requirements in On the Farm.
3. Worked with 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.
   - Holding a Project NEMO workshop for Worthington and Nobles County
officals and members of the public.

- Conducting a stormwater education tour for Worthington, Nobles County and watershed district officials.

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.
   - Print a non-point source pollution prevention advertisement in the Daily Globe’s Windsurfing Regatta supplement.
   - Create and distribute placemats to local restaurants and service organizations with a water pollution prevention message.

**Ocheda and Bella Lakes Assessment Monitoring Grant**

Received a Grant from MPCA to conduct TMDL assessment monitoring of Lake Ocheda in 2008 and Lake Bella in 2008 and 2009. With the help of volunteers from the Ocheda Beavers 4-H Club, completed Secchi disk readings and water sampling at total of eight times during June through September for each lake. Reported data to be uploaded into STORET.

**District Property Maintenance**

1. Re-shingled roof and repaired the Bella Park restroom building. Installed screen to keep bird from nesting in the building.
2. Installed riprap and removed trees to protect the Lake Bella dam emergency spillway.
3. Planted approximately 1500 trees on the west side of Lake Bella to stabilize the eroding shoreline.
4. Picked up litter and mowed weekly at Bella Park.
5. Sprayed to control thistles on the Ocheda Dam and Bella Park properties.
6. Removed obstructions from the Lake Ocheda dam.
7. Cleaned up litter and began removal of cottonwood trees from the St. John Property wetland.

**Joint Nobles County Comprehensive Water Management Plan, SWCD Comprehensive Plan and Watershed District Management Plan Update**

Worked with the Nobles County Environmental Services Department, Nobles SWCD, Kanaranz-Little Rock Watershed District, Southwest Regional Development Commission and members of the Water Planning Taskforce to create a plan for water management. The plan, scheduled to be approved in early 2009, will be the revised Management Plan for the OOWD for the next 10 years.

**Permits**

Monitored erosion control activities on 36 construction sites. Approved 57 permit applications including:

- 33 permits to install tile for agricultural drainage (358,749”),
- 2 permit for storm water control facilities,
- 19 permits for construction site erosion control,
- 1 permit for a grassed waterway repair,
- 1 permit for removing sediment from a drainage ditch, and
- 1 permit for a culvert replacement.
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
2008 Income and Expenses

Ordinary Income/Expense

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Net Ordinary Income                          | 27,769.05   |
# Balance Sheet
## December 31, 2008

### ASSETS
- **Current Assets**
  - **Checking/Savings**
    - District Checking: 19,468.50
    - Wgtm Federal Money Market: 53,777.19
  - **Total Checking/Savings**: 73,245.69
- **Total Current Assets**: 73,245.69

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY
- **Equity**
  - Opening Bal Equity: 193,655.50
  - Retained Earnings: -148,178.86
  - Net Income: 27,769.05
  - **Total Equity**: 73,245.69

### TOTAL ASSETS & LIABILITIES & EQUITY
- **Total Assets**: 73,245.69
- **Total Liabilities & Equity**: 73,245.69