

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 5, 2018

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: Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; John Shea, SWCD manager; Keith Schroeder, advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the May 2018 regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg 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. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$10,000 from the savings account into checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The draft plans for the Lake Ocheda dam are still waiting to be reviewed by the Ducks Unlimited engineer.

The Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District has not discussed the proposed new district boundaries. Shea hopes they will do it during their June board meeting. If parcels are split, the whole parcel will be assessed in one district or the other. Notice of the boundary change needs to be given to the Auditor-Treasurer by August for the tax assessments to change in the following year.

A different water plan update resolution needs to be passed to be consistent with the SWCD and County 'other waters' description. Mahlberg moved to adopt the new resolution to supersede the resolution passed last month. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Prairie View project engineer wants to bring his contractor onto the site to replace the filter bench sand layers by the middle of July. Duinick wants to be paid in full and released from the contract before another contractor works there. The site has not achieved final stabilization and portions appear to need reseeding.

The memos from Wenck Associates on Best Management Practices in the Sunset Bay watershed were discussed. It appears that one pond on ISD #518 property would be cost effective. Mahlberg and Livdahl will talk to the superintendent about the possibility of a future project there.

Milbrandt updated the board on the recommendations the Lake Okabena committee will be making to the city council for lake improvement projects to be funded by an extension of the city's half cent sales tax. The committee recommended that about 75% of the money be spent on dredging Sunset Bay and water quality improvement projects in its watershed. Approximately 25% would be used for in lake aeration and biotreatment. Al Oberloh and Chad Cummings will present the committee's recommendations to the council.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The district's website was down for about three weeks last month due to a mistake by Godaddy in migrating the site from one hosting account type to another. Godaddy restored the website and will refund the site migration fees.

The 2017 financial audit will be completed by the end of the month. The audit report will be reviewed at the July board meeting.

Water quality sampling will occur monthly at Lake Okabena, Sunset Bay and Lake Ocheda beginning in June. Pace

Analytical Services will do the lab work in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Implementing soil loss rules authorized by the state's buffer legislation would require Nobles County to adopt an ordinance.

Christina-Herron Sweet visited the St. John site last week and seemed interested in using it for the UM pollinator study. The district is eligible for an annual rental payment, but could decide to forego the money. Mahlberg moved to participate in the pollinator program if the UM is interested in renting the property at \$100 per acre. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permit applications:

Runnings, Inc – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a retail facility at 1635 Oxford Street, Worthington.

Independent School District #518 – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of ALC and Gymnastics facilities at 825 Crailsheim Drive, Worthington.

DK Buildings, LLC – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of residential lots and infrastructure on North Crailsheim Drive, Worthington.

Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a Head Start facility at 1077 Pleasant Avenue, Worthington.

Palma Custom Autos – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a building addition at 1426 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 at 4:00 p.m. on July 10, 2018 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.