

MINUTES
Public Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
April 3, 2007

The hearing for the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District principal place of business change was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Galen Gordon, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Williamson. Also present was Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

A public notice of the hearing was published in the Daily Globe. No comments were received from the public. Mahlberg moved to close the public testimony. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg moved to designate the new principal place of business as 960 Diagonal Road in Worthington. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The hearing was closed at 4:05 p.m.

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Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
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The minutes of the February board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to pay Nobles SWCD for technical services was tabled at the March board meeting. The motion to pay the SWCD \$1900 for January and \$3000 for general technical services was taken off the table for discussion. Mahlberg moved to amend the motion striking the \$1900 and changing it to \$250 for the month of January, and paying \$3000 for technical services for 2007. Gordon seconded the motion. After some discussion, Gordon moved to vote on the amended motion, striking the \$3000 and paying \$500 to the SWCD for Livdahl's time in January. This motion died for lack of a second. The Chairman called for a vote for the motion amendment. Affirmative: Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: Gordon. Motion amended. The Chairman called for a vote on the amended motion with the money payable to the SWCD at the end of the year. Affirmative: Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: Gordon. Motion carried.

Livdahl showed the managers the Watershed District's logo from the 1960's. Livdahl cleaned up the graphic and updated the contact information. Mahlberg moved to adopt the modified logo. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Stationary and envelopes will be printed with the logo.

Haffield and Livdahl rewrote the stormwater education proposal to include fewer fact sheets and adding that the Watershed District will create a plan and budget for 2008 stormwater permit education program activities. Worthington approved \$6000 for the activities in 2007 at the last City Council meeting. Mahlberg moved to proceed with the implementation of the stormwater BMP's with Worthington for \$6000. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. The Managers decided that no formal agreement was needed with the City.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Eric Roos created a list of taxpayers in Worthington's wellhead protection areas. Livdahl will put together a list of the areas' residents for a household hazardous waste pickup.

Julie Haack, Worthington Community Development Department, will be emailing building permit applications to the WD. Livdahl plans to contact people who may need watershed district permits first by phone and later, if necessary, by mail.

Livdahl cleaned up trash at Bella Park and in the St. John property along East Okabena Street. Virgil Buck, East Okabena Street resident, helped for a few hours. A thank you note will be sent to him.

There is some minor damage to the Bella Park road near the new parking lot. A gully about a foot wide and six to eight inches deep developed during snowmelt this year.

Julie Green, Minnesota Department of Transportation, contacted the WD to get permission to do soil borings along Highway 60. Livdahl told her that Roger and Larry Doeden would likely be planting corn on the St. John property. She said they would schedule the borings on the site before corn planting time, if possible.

Livdahl attended the Campaign for Conservation meeting in Marshall last week with David Benson. The Campaign for Conservation group is lobbying for the dedicated funding for conservation amendment this year. They believe it will pass both houses and be signed by the governor. The Campaign is developing a 50 year vision document for the state to help sell the dedicated funding amendment to the voters before the 2008 elections.

A challenge grant will be submitted to BWSR for the survey of Ocheda and Bella shorelines by April 13th. Septic system upgrades are not eligible for this grant.

The 2006 financial records were taken this week to Dennis Rick, LTD, for an audit.

NEW BUSINESS

The shoreline survey for lakes Ocheda and Bella was discussed. A handheld GPS with WAAS signal correction is accurate enough to record photograph locations. Points can be uploaded from the GPS to ArcMap software. A new higher resolution camera would need to be purchased.

Street flooding occurred on Lucy Drive during snowmelt in March. Les Johnson reported that Steve Johnson is trying to contact the Abramson family about options for storing stormwater on their property.

Delegating some of the permitting authority to staff was discussed. Williamson moved to authorize Livdahl to make administrative decisions allowing tiling and erosion control projects to begin construction after a permit application is completed. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Permits will still be approved by the board at regular meetings.

PERMITS

Williamson moved to approve the following permit application after onsite review by Managers and staff:

Joe Vander Kooi – to install approximately 5000 feet of 4 inch diameter tile in the W ½, NW ¼, section 32, Lorain Township

FDAC, LLC – to perform erosion control and implement stormwater management according to the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the Woodland Court Development.

Bruce Amundson – to dewater pond and remove sediment using excavated materials to build up the pond embankment.

Margret Shipley – to install approximately 1000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the SE ¼, NW ¼, section 18, Worthington Township.

Floyd Buntjer – to install approximately 2000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the W ½, SE ¼ and the SW ¼, NW ¼, section 13, Bigelow Township under the conditions that only a rock intake may be installed and that written permission must be received from the township before working in the road right-of-way.

Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be on May 1, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. at the Nobles County Public Works Building, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.