

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
April 2, 2013

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 and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Ed Lenz, SWCD Manager; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Bob Rohrer, advisory committee member; Al Langseth, district resident and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the March regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, 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 \$6000 from the money market account to checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Lenz asked the board to consider providing cost-share for a terrace project for Conrad Schmidt and John Luinenburg, Sr. Rogers moved to cost-share up to 37.5 percent of the project cost. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. A cost-share contract for the project will be brought to the board for approval at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The public meeting on invasive species is scheduled for April 23rd in the Farmers Room. Ryan Doorebus will give a presentation on Asian carp and zebra mussels. Gary Nordseth will talk about DNR enforcement plans. The Lake Okabena Improvement Association has invited its members. Livdahl will contact members from the Round Lake Sportsman's Club and Southwest Minnesota Fishing Club asking them to attend the meeting. Jan Voit has invited groups from the Heron Lake Watershed District. Mahlberg will send a letter to the Lake Ocheda landowners group.

A letter was sent to the Olson Trust board asking them to consider buying two additional floating islands for the Olson Regional Stormwater Pond, and to help pay for the use of Bioverse products on Whiskey Ditch and the Glenwood Heights stormwater pond. Livdahl will drive to the Twin Cities to pick up the islands and to get the plants from Minnesota Native Landscapes, if needed. Rogers' classes will install the islands before the end of the school year.

Haffield and Livdahl are waiting for technical advice from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency before recommending a proposal for collecting data to enhance the TMDL for Lake Okabena.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Livdahl did the first inspection of large construction sites this spring. He contacted the City and Southwestern Mental Health about erosion control problems on their sites.

NEW BUSINESS

Developing a plan for improving habitat and water quality in Lake Ocheda was discussed. Johnson called and talked to Ryan Doorebus about a plan for the lake. Mahlberg volunteered to lead the effort to create the plan.

The SWCD will be leading a five year review of the Nobles County Comprehensive Water Management Plan. If the plan changes significantly, the district will need to hold hearings to update its overall management plan. Mahlberg volunteered to represent the district on the water plan taskforce.

MnDOT will install a silt fence on the St. John property to prevent further erosion into the Highway 60 road ditch. Rogers and Mahlberg will make arrangements to plant small grains on the site to prevent erosion and control weeds. R&G Construction paid rent on the site for 2013 and may need to disturb a portion of it.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2013 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.