MINUTES Regular Meeting Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers April 7, 2015

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: Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Ed Lenz, SWCD Manager; Al Langseth, district resident and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the March 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 \$6000 from savings to checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2015 Annual Plan was reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the annual plan. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A draft of the updated employee handbook was reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the employee handbook. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The updated data practices policy was reviewed. Mahlberg moved to adopt the data practices policy. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Olson Trust board will meet on April 21st. The board has at least \$10,000 to spend on project in 2015. They would like a letter recommending ways to spend the money. Milbrandt recommended putting up a sign explaining the function of the floating islands that will be launched in Sunset Bay in May.

The Lake Okabena Improvement Association paid for two floating islands to be installed in Sunset Bay with the two islands purchased by the district. Rogers' classes will help plant and launch the islands before the end of the school year.

The Bella Park women's restroom door and toilet sets were vandalized sometime this spring. Livdahl replaced the seats and rough hung the screen door last week.

Mahlberg and Livdahl will be working with the Minnesota West law enforcement program students during the next few weeks to give them the background they need to do aquatic invasive species prevention education at county boat landings this spring and summer.

NEW BUSINESS

The Center for Active Living is completing an application to get the Smithsonian water resources display this year. They need partners for the application. Mahlberg moved to support the efforts to get the Smithsonian display. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permits:

City of Worthington - to perform erosion and sediment control during reconstruction of a water main on Rose Avenue and reconstruction of storm sewer pipes and catch basins on Church Avenue

Craig Pfeifer - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a storage building and driveway at 2467 County Road 35, Worthington.

Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.