

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**April 2, 2019**

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, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr. and Matt Widboom, county commissioners; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; John Shea, SWCD Manager; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the March board meeting were reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the minutes. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The deadline for comments on the OOWD and KLRWD boundary change petition is April 26<sup>th</sup>. If the comments warrant, a public hearing will be held sometime following the deadline.

The buffer strip incentive agreements in the area to be transferred to the KLRWD were discussed. Mahlberg and Livdahl will contact Galen Gordon about whether he expects future payments on his two sites.

The advertisement for bids for the Lake Ocheda dam modification project was printed in the Globe in March. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mahlberg and Ingenthron will attend the bid opening. A special meeting may be scheduled to award the bid before the regular meeting in May.

Tom Langer, Wenck Associates Aquatic Biologist, plans to install the radio telemetry trackers in carp during early May. Livdahl will be trained to use the tracking equipment at that time.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The SWCD and NRCS will hold the annual Local Work Group meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in the USDA Service Center conference room. Managers are invited to attend.

The Okabena Bees 4-H members have volunteered to pick up trash at Bella Park again this year. We will provide them with bags. Livdahl picked up trash at Bella Park and on the St. John property during the past week.

Staff will conduct monthly inspections of construction sites one acre or larger for Worthington this year. Staff will also install storm sewer catch basin markers and arrange printing and delivery of educational factsheets. Worthington will pay the district about \$6000 for these service.

MPCA is auditing Worthington's MS4 stormwater permit program in May. Livdahl will participate as needed to provide information during the audit.

Mahlberg will install the dock at Bella Park before the fishing opener. The trail on the west side of the lake will be mowed this year if it is not too wet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Information from Anne Wilkinson on monitoring Lake Okabena for harmful algae blooms (HAB) was reviewed. Ingenthron moved to spend up to \$2000 for equipment and materials to monitor HAB in 2019. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Damage to the Prairie View pond spillway was discussed. Ingenthron and Livdahl met with Bryce Cruvey on-site on

March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Flexamat company representative was contracted today by email about the failure of the product to protect the spillway.

## **PERMITS**

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permit application:

**City of Worthington** – to perform erosion and sediment control during water main reconstruction and catch basin replacements on McMillan and Clary streets.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned

## **Minutes Special Meeting Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers April 25, 2019**

The special meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr. and Matt Widboom, county commissioners; Steve Schnieder, county engineer; Doug Anton and Justin Langseth, advisory committee members; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

Three bids for the Lake Ocheda structure modification project were opened on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The lowest bid was \$273,711.00 from Land Pride Construction, LLC. After checking the bids and discussing the company's experience and qualifications, James Streifel, DU engineer, recommended awarding the contract to Land Pride Construction.

The DNR permit for the project hasn't been issued. Livdahl will contact the Area Hydrologist regularly to remind him the permit is needed as soon as possible.

A draft of the Unit Price Agreement/Contract was discussed by the board.

The Nobles County Commissioners passed a motion this week to spend \$175,000 from the state invasive species on the Ocheda structure modification project.

Ingenthron moved to accept the bid and enter a contract/agreement with Land Pride Construction with the condition that the DNR issues a permit to do the work. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.