

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
August 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Norm Gallagher, County Commissioner; Ed Lenz, SWCD Technical Coordinator; Harvey Goebel, permit applicant, and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the July regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. 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 \$3000 from the money market account into checking. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Williamson moved to approve a \$300 well sealing cost-share payment for Maria Ramos. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction site erosion control permit compliance was discussed.

The rules committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on August 7th to continue reviewing changes to the rules. The personnel committee will meet to do the Administrator's performance evaluation at 9:30 a.m. on August 8th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Management of Bella Park was discussed. The boat ramp was repaired during the second week of July. One of the concrete slats was left in the parking lot. It was towed it into the grass to keep people from hitting it. A complaint was received about weeds on the Ahlers portion of the park. Livdahl will inspect the site to see what needs to be done. Grass was cut and baled in the park during mid-July. Livdahl plans to repaint the south and west walls of the Bella restroom and paint the picnic tables in the shelters.

Livdahl and Aaron Crowley, SWCD intern, will do a survey of the W9 ponds in August to measure sediment buildup.

MAWD will hold a Leadership Workshop on September 11-12 in Alexandria. Managers and staff are invited to attend.

Mc Gowan and Livdahl traveled to Fulda Lake to look at the new dam and electric fish barrier. They talked to Gary Schuur, owner of the land on the south side of the dam, about the draw down and water clarity.

Okabena, Ocheda and Bella lakes experienced floating algae blooms in the third week of July. The amount of floating algae was greatly reduced in Lake Okabena last week.

Two hundred storm sewer markers in were installed in Worthington last week.

NEW BUSINESS

A draft of the 2010 budget was discussed. The budget hearing will be at 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2009. A public notice needs to be published twice before the meeting. Mahlberg moved to adopt the proposed budget for discussion at the budget hearing. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to table the following permit applications until more information is acquired:

Angeline Gobel – to lower a culvert and replace repair tile in the NE ¼, SE ¼, section 17, Worthington Township – will view the site with Harvey Gobel, NRCS Technician, Managers and staff. The landowner will need written permission from the Township before working in the road right-of-way.

David Vander Kooi – to install approximately 400 feet of tile in the NE ¼, NE ¼, section 14, Bigelow Township and approximately 650 feet of tile in the SE ¼, SW 1/r, section 31, Lorain Township – need information about wetlands in the project area.

Paul Vander Kooi – to repair and install tile in the SW ¼, SE ¼, section 30, Lorain Township – need information of wetlands in the project area.

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

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications.

Joe Vander Kooi – to install approximately 15,000 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the S ½, section 5, Indian Lake Township – must comply with the conditions to avoid wetland drainage stated in a letter from Ed Lenz dated July 6, 2009.

Graham Tire – to perform erosion control during construction of a parking lot at 1999 Oxford Street.

Nathan Mahlberg – to install approximately 560 feet of 4 inch diameter tile to create a foundation drain and divert water away from a home construction site in the NW ¼, NW ¼, section 11, Bigelow Township.

Cho and Sam Lo – to perform erosion control during the construction of a new home at 853 Sterling Avenue.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will begin immediately following the 4:00 p.m. public hearing for the 2010 budget on September 1, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.