

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**August 7, 2012**

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, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Gordy Heitkamp, MN West Campus Maintenance Supervisor; Larry Hyink, cost-share applicant, and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the June regular board meeting and the June special meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, 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 \$3000 from the Worthington Federal money market account into the checking account at Wells Fargo. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**COST-SHARE**

Larry Hyink was present to explain his proposed terrace project and to request cost-share assistance. Mahlberg moved to cost-share 75% of the actual cost of the project, up to a maximum of \$8500, on the condition that the terraces be maintained for a minimum of ten years. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

According to R&G Construction Company staff, the final grade of the St. John property will be done in September or October. Mahlberg moved to send a registered letter to R&G Construction stating that the grading must be complete by October 15<sup>th</sup> or rent for 2013 will be assessed. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Ingenthron, Mahlberg and Livdahl will meet before the September board meeting to create a list of goals for a five year plan. The list will be used for discussion at the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The board authorized up to \$1200 to buy a trailer in June. Oxford Autos has 5' x 8' aluminum, single axle, 3500 lb capacity, trailer that is more expensive, but would better fit the district's needs. Mahlberg moved to buy the aluminum trailer for \$1581.00. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Langseth shoreline project has been underway for about two weeks. Construction should be complete in a few weeks

The Army Corps of Engineers inspected the Whiskey Ditch flood control structures recently. The report says that the spruce trees planted between the levy and the ditch need to be removed. The City is thinking about how to comply.

The local work group meeting to set conservation priorities for USDA programs will be held on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the USDA Service Center conference room.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gordy Heitkamp summarized the history of the regional stormwater pond to be built on the Minnesota West campus. Rogers and Livdahl will attend the meeting of the partners contributing money to the project on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mahlberg moved to sign the Minnesota West stormwater pond agreement. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A draft of the 2013 budget was reviewed. Ingenthron and Livdahl will develop a budget for publication in the Daily Globe before the September 4<sup>th</sup> budget hearing.

## **PERMITS**

The permit application from **Ken Meyerdirk** to create a farmable drainage channel and lower a culvert under Sundberg Avenue between sections 8 and 9 of Indian Lake Township was discussed. Mahlberg moved to reject the application since watershed district rules prohibit changing the size or grade of culverts under public roads, unless it is required for a conservation practice meeting NRCS specifications, or is required for a project designed by a licensed engineer to comply with state specifications for the protection of existing structures or public safety. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications:

**Carl and Sam Zishka** – to perform erosion and sediment control during the construction of a new home at 1215 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Worthington.

**City of Worthington** – to perform erosion and sediment control during the upgrade of a storm sewer system under 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**City of Worthington** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of the Worthington Center and parking lot.

**David and Shelly Serrano** – to remove an existing wood retaining wall and replace it with riprap on the shoreline at 1616 South Shore Drive, Worthington.

**Dave and Angie Hoffman** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 1770 Donavon Drive, Worthington.

**John Moberg** – to remove accumulated sediment and cornstalks from a ditch in the SE ¼, SE ¼, section 23, Bigelow Township.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The 2013 budget hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 4, 2012 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. The next regular board meeting will immediately follow the hearing.

Meeting adjourned.