

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
August 5, 2014

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr., Nobles County commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Katherine Tieken, advisory committee member and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the July regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$16,000 from savings into the checking account. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Cost-Share payments for John Luinenburg, Jr. and Conrad Schmidt were approved with the Treasurer's report. A cost-share request from John Ahlers for rebuilding a grassed waterway and installing sedimentation basins was discussed. The board will consider cost-sharing on the sedimentation basins this fall and the waterway in 2015 when a completed application is received.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff changes in the DNR shallow lakes program may slow down the Lake Ocheda restoration process. An example restoration document received from Nicole Kovar will be presented at the Lake Ocheda landowners' picnic. The picnic is scheduled for August 19th at the Langseth Retreat Center.

Rogers finished planting the cover crop on the St. John property in July.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The western driveway into Bella parking lot needs maintenance. A gully develops on the driveway during big rains and snowmelt runoff. Osceola County maintains the Iowa line road and may fix it. Livdahl and Johnson will look at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2015 budget hearing will be held before the September board meeting. The proposed budget must be published before the hearing. Raising the levy to cover the cost of projects was discussed. Mahlberg moved to raise the district levy in the proposed budget to \$185,000. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Staff from the Board of Water and Soil Resources will attend a board meeting in September or October to explain the results of the district's performance review.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permits:

Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan for the Rising Sun Estates Project.

Aaron Nystrom – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a feedlot facility in the SE ¼, section 14, Bigelow Township.

Kid R It, Inc. – to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of an addition to the existing

daycare facility at 1118 Johnson Avenue.

Christian Reformed Church – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during reconstruction of a parking lot at 1101 First Avenue.

Johnson Builders and Realty – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of condominium units on Homewood Avenue.

Mike Kuhle – to perform erosion and sediment control during work in the shoreland area of Lake Okabena.

Tim Blume – to install approximately 270 feet of 8 inch diameter tile in a farmable wetland and, to abandon two 6 inch diameter tile lines located in the SW ¼, section 28, Worthington Township.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2014 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.

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