

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**August 4, 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 Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Doug Anton, Keith Schroeder and Scott Rall, advisory committee members; Al Langseth, district resident; John Shea, SWCD manager; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; 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. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mahlberg reported that the Hospice Cottage hopes to install a lawn irrigation system using water from Sunset Bay. No cost-share application request will be made at this time for the underground rainwater storage system proposed earlier.

The advisory committee met earlier today. Scott Rall was elected to chair the committee.

A draft 2016 budget was reviewed. The 2016 budget public hearing will occur on September 1, 2015 before the regular board meeting. The proposed budget and meeting notice will be published twice in August. Mahlberg moved to propose a levy of \$190,000 in the published budget. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Wenck Associates completed the Prairie View Golf Links property study. The study looks at BMP's that could be installed on the property to remove sediment and nutrients under different scenarios. The city committee will use the study to decide whether to decommission all or part of the golf course. The district will not make a recommendation about whether all or part of the golf course should be closed, but would like to maximize the water quality benefits that the property can provide.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Hay was cut on the Lake Ocheda dam property sometime after July 15th. Most of the hay was baled when Livdahl viewed the site on July 23rd.

Harvey has not completed the floating island or stormwater pond sign designs.

The homemade floating islands were planted and launched in the Olson pond on July 15th. Both the Heron Lake Watershed District and Public Works Department interns helped do the work. The plants seem to be growing well. The island at Lake Bella will be refloated sometime next week.

City parks staff installed the floating boom under the Whiskey Ditch pedestrian bridge in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Johnson will investigate raising revenue by installing a billboard on the St. John property.

The board discussed the new buffer strip legislation and whether the district will continue to offer CRP filter strip

incentive payments in the future. The topic will be discussed further when the map showing areas requiring buffer strips is completed.

Johnson's and Milbrandt's terms on the board expire this fall. Both submitted applications for reappointment. The county board will likely ask the district to recommend candidates for the board appointment if more applications are received.

**PERMITS**

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permits:

**Todd Schwebach** - to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of a new home at 2430 Dayton Avenue, Worthington.

**Solid Rock Assembly** - to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of a building addition at 1760 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

**AutoZone, Inc.** - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a retail facility at 1317 Ray Drive, Worthington.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The 2016 Budget Hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. The September regular board meeting will begin immediately afterwards.

Meeting adjourned.