

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**August 2, 2016**

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Scott Rall and Keith Schroeder, advisory committee members; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Bob Demuth, Jr., Nobles County commissioner; Julie Blackburn, RESPEC representative; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the July 12th regular board meeting and the July 26th managers workshop were reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the minutes. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. 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. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The draft Lake Ocheda Management Plan document was uploaded to the district's website last week with a link to the plan added to the home page. The Daily Globe ran a blurb with a link and telling people where to direct comments. Scott Rall will convene an advisory committee meeting to get advice on how to present the plan to the public. A note will be mailed to the Lake Ocheda landowners telling them where to get a copy of the plan and how to submit comments.

The 2017 budget hearing will be held on September 6th, immediately before the regular monthly meeting. A notice containing the proposed budget must be published twice before the hearing. Projects including an upgrade of the Ocheda dam, engineering for sediment and nutrient removal at the ISD 518 property, installing a pond on the Prairie View property, constructing a community rain garden and installing a data buoy on Lake Okabena were discussed. Ingenthron moved to publish a budget including the \$250,000 maximum administrative levy, a \$3000 insurance levy and a \$50,000 levy for data collection. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The district submitted a Legacy Grant application to BWSR for the Prairie View pond project before the August 8th deadline. The SWCD submitted a Legacy Grant for conditioning elevation data for counties and watershed districts in the Missouri River Basin.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There will be a meeting to discuss the Herlein-Boote outlet and County Ditch 4 on August 5th. The Nobles County commissioners have invited the DNR, Kanaranzi-Little Rock and Okabena-Ocheda watershed districts to attend. Changing watershed district boundaries will likely be discussed.

Livdahl met with Farm Services Agency, NRCS and SWCD staff about CRP filter strip re-enrollments and the district's incentive program. Ten people have submitted applications to re-enroll filter strip sites.

Construction site erosion control compliance was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Julie Blackburn gave a presentation on RESPEC's water management and planning qualifications and modeling capabilities. She asked the board to consider the company for future engineering and planning needs.

## **PERMITS**

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permits:

**Todd Schwebach** - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 2450 Dayton Avenue, Worthington.

**Ted Buhner** - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 31123 297th Street, Bigelow.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The 2017 budget hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road. The regular monthly board meeting will occur immediately afterward at about 4:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.