

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**August 7, 2018**

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 and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; John Shea, SWCD Manager; Keith Schroeder advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the July 2018 regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. 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 \$75,000 from Worthington Federal to the Bank of the West checking account. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The schedule for engineering, permitting, bidding and construction of the Ocheda Dam was discussed. Final plans will be completed by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Josh Kavanagh will apply for the Army Corps of Engineers and DNR permits when the plans are complete.

The Lake Okabena and Sunset Bay carp population assessment technical memo was discussed. The July 24<sup>th</sup> survey estimated common carp biomass densities more than three times higher than the impairment threshold. Tom Langer, Wenck Associates Aquatic biologist, will be invited to the September board meeting to discuss the survey results and next steps for carp population control.

The most recent cost estimate for repairing the Prairie View project spillway was discussed. The board discussed whether the district could pay for the repair and later hold the contractor or engineer responsible for the cost. Milbrandt moved to authorize Johnson to have a conversation with attorney Jeff Flynn about whether the district can fix the spillway without losing contract rights. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Board of Water and Soil Resources will tour sites in Nobles and Rock counties on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will stop at the Lake Bella wellfield, Bella Park and Prairie View site that morning. Eric Roos will do a presentation at the wells and Scott Rall will explain the private/public partnership for wellhead protection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The district must certify its 2019 levy by September 17<sup>th</sup>. The 2019 budget notice was discussed. Mahlberg moved to publish the notice and hold the budget hearing at 4:00 on September 4, 2018. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Johnson's and Milbrandt's terms on the district board end in October. Johnson, Milbrandt and Steve Bousema submitted applications to Nobles County for the managers positions. Mahlberg moved to recommend to the county board that Johnson and Milbrandt be reappointed. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The 2019 budget hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 4, 2018 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road. The regular board meeting will immediately follow the hearing at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.