

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
August 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr. and Matt Widboom, county commissioners and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

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

COST-SHARE

A cost-share application from Dennis Bonsma for a waterway project in section 35 of Bigelow Township was discussed. Rogers moved to approve the cost-share for the project - not to exceed \$6295.50. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A septic system replacement cost-share payment to Paul Langseth was approved with the bills payable.

OLD BUSINESS

The paperwork is completed for the FEMA and state disaster assistance for repairing the Prairie View dam spillway. A payment of \$150,700 will be electronically deposited in the district's checking account soon.

Copies of the district's 2019 financial audit were emailed to the board in July. Rogers moved to approve the audit report. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg is mowing the Bella Park trails every two weeks. He was approached by a member of the public asking that the trail be made smoother for mountain bike riding. The managers discussed possible trail improvements and maintenance needs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ingenthron, Mahlberg and Livdahl met with Todd Hubmer from Wenck Associates in July. A scope of work document for installing radio telemetry tags in 15 more carp was discussed. Ingenthron moved to spend up to \$15,000 for implanting carp radio tags. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The sediment has been removed from 75% of the sand filter benches at Prairie View. It is being placed in nearby areas where the vegetation was mostly thistles.

Dorward Dykstra mowed and baled hay on the district's Ocheda dam property in July.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lake Ocheda Plan Advisory Committee set August 17th as the date to begin the lake drawdown. A letter was mailed on July 31st to the lake's shoreline owners giving them notice of the drawdown. A drawdown notice will be printed in the Globe tomorrow.

The proposed 2021 budget for the September 1st public hearing was discussed. A hearing notice needs to be delivered to the Globe soon to meet the publication deadlines. Mahlberg and Milbrandt will review the proposed budget before publication.

PERMITS

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permit applications and authorize Livdahl to sign the permit resolution forms.

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation – to preform erosion and sediment control during construction to expand a parking lot at 650 Sherwood Street, Worthington.

Bruce and Beverly Kness – to preform erosion and sediment control during repair of a lakeshore retaining wall at 719 May Street, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing for the 2021 district budget will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. The September regular board meeting will immediately follow. Meeting adjourned.