

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
August 3, 2021

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe editor; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Al Langseth, district resident and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Milbrandt moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$5000 from Bank of the West into the Wells Fargo checking account. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The District 518 architectural memo was reviewed. A copy was forwarded to John Landgaard. Livdahl will ask Mahlberg to arrange a meeting with the school board to discuss the site options and get comments.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Algae bloom samples from Sailboard Beach tested positive for high levels of microcystin toxins yesterday and today. Water samples from the Centennial Park swimming beach, where no floating algae blooms were present, tested negative for toxins. Worthington Public works will post signs at boat landings and near beaches informing the public that harmful algae blooms may be present. They will post an advisory on the City's website and the JBS Facebook bulletin board. Press releases will also be sent to the Globe and radio station.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lake Ocheda Management Plan Team will meet on July 9th to discuss the results of last winter's drawdown. Since many rough fish survived, water quality didn't improve and no submerged vegetation grew, the team will likely recommend a second drawdown this winter. The managers discussed planning to remove the fish that die during the drawdown. Rogers moved for the watershed district to support an additional drawdown beginning as soon as possible. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The district needs to certify its 2022 levy in September. The budget hearing will be on September 7th at 4:00 p.m. A draft of the budget notice for publication in the Globe was reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the budget notice for publication. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permit application.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion and sediment control during bituminous overlay and ADA curb modification projects at numerous locations.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The 2022 budget hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. The regular September board meeting will immediately follow at about 4:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.