

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**August 2, 2022**

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, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Scott Runck, SWCD manager; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The July regular board meeting was cancelled. The minutes of the June regular board meeting and July tour of the Redwood Lake dredging project were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$500 from the Worthington Federal Savings Bank to First State Bank SW. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Houston Engineering will help the district complete a Clean Water Legacy Grant application for the Crailsheim water quality pond project. Ingenthron moved to apply for the grant. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. The application will be submitted to BWSR by the August 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

The preliminary Lake Okabena carp population estimate using the mark and capture method employed this year shows a much lower carp biomass than the estimates from previous surveys employing the electrofishing transect methodology. The final report is expected sometime this fall.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Pheasants Forever requested permission to plant approximately one acre of district property adjacent to the Worthington Public Utilities wildflower plot in the Bella wellfield to a native prairie pollinator mix. Pheasants Forever will arrange and pay for the ground preparation and tree removals needed. Milbrandt moved to grant permission to Pheasants Forever to plant the pollinators. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A fish kill is occurring now in the pool below the Lake Bella spillway. The DNR identified bighead and silver carp in the photos of dead fish emailed to them. DNR invasive species staff will be onsite tomorrow to collect fish and data.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The University of Minnesota Bee Lab would like to rent the St. John property for another year. Rogers moved to extend the lease. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Livdahl will sign the agreement when it arrives.

A public hearing for the 2023 budget will be held before the regular September board meeting. A draft of the 2023 budget hearing notice was reviewed by the board. It will be published twice in the Globe before the hearing.

**PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application.

**Nobles County Public Works Department**– to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new driveway and ADA compliant sidewalk from CSAH 10 into the new Worthington Intermediate School.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The public hearing for the 2023 budget will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2022, in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. The next regular board meeting will be in the same place immediately following the hearing. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.