

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
December 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Jay Milbrandt, Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jeff Rogers. Also present were Robin Baumgarn, Daily Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the November regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, 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 \$6,000 from savings into the checking account. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ducks Unlimited is now working on its 2015 budget. Josh Kavanagh stated in an email that the district should know in January whether money is allocated for the Lake Ocheda enhancement project survey and design in 2015.

Potential projects for 2015 were discussed. The 2015 annual plan should be completed by March.

A draft 2015 budget was reviewed. It will be finalized in January

Mahlberg summarized to results of Livdahl's annual performance evaluation. Rogers moved to increase his salary by two percent and to pay health insurance premiums up to a \$6000 cap in 2015. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A map showing Lake Okabena bottom elevation changes between 1999 and 2014 was viewed the managers. The lake accumulated an average of 0.12 feet of sediment during the 15 year period.

Livdahl will attend the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting this week.

Native seed will be broadcast on about six acres at Bella Park this week if the weather cooperates.

The Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board met on December 1st. The district will be reimbursed by Worthington for water quality monitoring lab expenses and half the cost of the filter strip incentives in the Lake Okabena watershed. The district will be reimbursed for 2014 stream water quality monitoring lab expenses, flow monitoring equipment and lake level gauge equipment in 2015 when the lake nutrient budget assessment project is completed.

The managers will elect 2015 board officers at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Worthington City Council will discuss the future of the Prairie View Golf Course in December. The property now stores stormwater during large runoff events and removes sediment from Okabena Creek before it runs into Whiskey Ditch and Lake Okabena. Future uses of the property need to preserve or enhance these flood protection and water quality benefits. Ingenthron moved to send a letter to the council stating that if the golf course closes, the district would like to be part of the discussion on how reuse and manage the property. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A meeting will be held on December 5th to discuss how to spend the county's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid money in 2015. The county board must approve a plan and guidelines. Mahlberg will attend to represent the district.

Ingenthron and Milbrandt volunteered to be on an ad hoc committee to review and update the district's data practices and personnel policies.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.