

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**December 6, 2016**

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Scott Rall and Doug Anton, advisory committee members; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the November regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: 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 \$65,000 from checking into savings. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mahlberg and Rogers completed Livdahl's annual performance evaluation today. Livdahl's salary and health insurance benefits were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve a salary and benefits increase totaling 5.3% . Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A draft of the 2017 budget was reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the budget. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg met with Jay Jeppesen about repairing the roads at Bella Park. Some grading was done during the past month to fill potholes and gullies. Jeppesen was given instructions to use crushed blacktop to repair the short road to the north park shelter, but the work was not completed this fall.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Board of Water and Soil Resources grants review committee recommended funding the \$428,000 Prairie View pond project. BWSR will approve a resolution authorizing the competitive clean water fund grants at their December 14th meeting.

A CWP Joint Powers Board meeting needs to be scheduled soon after December 14th to talk about paying the local share of the Prairie View ponds project and pay the annual filter strip incentives and water quality monitoring bills.

County, SWCD and Watershed District staff in the Missouri River basin are meeting to create the necessary organizations and agreements to receive the One Watershed/One Plan Grant. The partners will need to designate an elected or appointed official to the Policy Committee to oversee the planning process.

Livdahl attended the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting in Alexandria last week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Replanting the native buffer strip on the St. John property was discussed. The district will do this in the spring. Johnson will meet with the renter, Terry Neugebauer, to sign a new 2017 rental agreement that shows the acres to be farmed and the buffer strip area.

A map of the buffer strips on the School District's Vogt property was discussed. The map included the outline of an area where buffer strips should be established to comply with state law and protect water quality. Providing an incentive payment to the School District to maintain the existing buffers and install additional buffers was discussed. Mahlberg and Livdahl will meet with the Superintendent about the buffers before the next meeting.

The office space lease agreement from Nobles County was discussed. Mahlberg moved to sign the agreement. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 3, 2017 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.