

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
December 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Doug Anton, advisory committee member; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; John Shea, SWCD Manager and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. The second half of the 2018 levy was deposited in the Bank of the West checking account. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Prairie View project spillway has been regraded. Duinick is waiting for the Flexamat and anchors to be delivered so they can finish the repair. The areas disturbed by construction will need graded and seeded in 2019. The new drainage pipe and valve will be kept open until plants are established around the filter benches and on the spillway.

FEMA Program Delivery Manager, Paula Brocar is working with staff to complete the paperwork needed for disaster assistance. At this time, it is expected that 100 percent of the cost of the Prairie View spillway repair and Bella dam riprap repair is eligible for reimbursement.

A draft of the 2019 budget was reviewed. The costs of the Ocheda dam modifications are unknown until bids are opened next year. The budget will be revisited and approved at the January board meeting.

Rogers and Ingenthron completed a performance review for Livdahl. Rogers moved to approve a 3% raise, pay the costs for Livdahl's group health insurance plan and contribute \$150.00 monthly to his health savings account. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A full draft of the One Watershed, One Plan document will be presented to the Policy Committee for approval on December 12th. If approved, the 60 day public review will begin soon afterward. At this time, the plan is on schedule and on budget.

A meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Clean Water Partnership Joint Power Board is tentatively scheduled for December 13th. The district will be reimbursed for a portion of the filter strip incentives paid and the Lake Okabena water quality monitoring costs. The board will be asked to approve the Worthington city council's proposal to use \$52,000 from the water quality reserve account to pay for Lake Okabena carp control measures during 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

The state line bridge project at Bella Park appears to be complete except for the installation of soil stabilization best management practices. The water level between the dam and the bridge is back to normal.

A map of the watershed district boundary change approved by the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District was reviewed. Livdahl and Shea will develop the boundary change petition to be reviewed by both districts in January.

Advisory Committee membership was discussed. Committee members will be appointed in January. Long term advisory member Keith Schroeder recently died. Mahlberg will sign a sympathy card for his family.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 8, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.