

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
December 3, 2019

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: Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; John Shea, SWCD Manager; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. 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 Lake Ocheda dam modification construction project is underway. The contractor intends to assemble the steel this week and pour concrete next week. It is hoped that the ground will freeze to allow concrete trucks access onto the site.

Livdahl continues to work with the FEMA Program Delivery Manager, Dallas Flint, on the paperwork for the Prairie View spillway repair assistance.

The grant period for the Prairie View Clean Water Land and Legacy grant ends on December 31st. Payments using grant funds for construction or engineering need to be issued before then. The grant's final report is due by the end of January 2020.

The draft 2020 budget was discussed. Payments will likely be made closing the Prairie View grant project before the end of the 2019. Payments for the Lake Ocheda dam renovation may be made this month or in early 2020. The 2020 budget will be finalized in January after seeing what happens in December.

Rogers and Mahlberg completed Livdahl's performance evaluation earlier today. The board discussed his salary and benefits. Rogers moved to approve the 3% salary increase and health insurance benefits shown in the draft budget. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ingenthron and Livdahl will be attending the MAWD annual meeting in Alexandria later this week.

NEW BUSINESS

The process for adopting the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was discussed. A model resolution was emailed to the managers before the meeting. Rogers moved to approve the resolution adopting the plan. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Resolution approved.

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) setting up the organization needed to implement the Missouri River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was discussed. The JPA needs to be signed by each of the 14 local government units. Rogers moved to approve and sign the agreement. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The BWSR Wellhead Protection Grant for acquiring the Drost property was discussed. The site survey showed the neighbor's farmstead access road encroaches into the Drost property. This conflict must be resolved before the land purchase agreement is completed. The grant agreement will be signed when the land purchase agreement is finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 7, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.