

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
December 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

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. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Ocheda's water level at the staff gauge varies slightly from the level of the dam sill elevation depending on the wind speed and direction.

Mahlberg presented Livdahl's performance evaluation and 2021 compensation request. Rogers moved to approve the requested 3 percent salary increase, proposed health insurance premium and the \$75 monthly HSA contribution. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The 2021 budget was discussed. It will be reviewed and approved at the January board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

An Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Power Board meeting needs to be scheduled soon. Mahlberg and Ingenthron represent the district on the board.

Les Johnson and Livdahl are cutting down volunteer cottonwood trees on the district's land adjacent to the St. John property agricultural field. Johnson proposes burning the waterway area in the spring.

The MAWD annual meeting is being held online this week. Ingenthron and Livdahl are registered for the sessions. The business meeting is on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

A scope of services proposal from Houston Engineering to identify, model and evaluate water quality improvement and flood water storage practices on the ISD #518 Crailsheim Property was discussed. Milbrandt moved to proceed with both stages of engineering for approximately \$53,000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Mahlberg will sign the engineering services agreement after it is drawn up.

2021 board officers were discussed. Rogers moved to continue with the same slate of officers in 2021. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. The 2021 officers are listed below.

President – Rolf Mahlberg
Vice President – Casey Ingenthron
Secretary – Jeff Rogers
Treasurer – Jay Milbrandt

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 5, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Bousema moved to adjourn the meeting, Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.