

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
February 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, County Commissioner; Dick Duba, Advisory Board Member; Scott Rall, Pheasants Forever President; Mike Johnson, Johnson Builders and Realtors, Inc.; Larye Mick, Midwest Engineering; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the January 2011 regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Bob Demuth introduced himself and said he will be the Nobles County Board's representative to the District.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Rall was present to discuss the partnership for the Siefert property purchase. Pheasants Forever and the partners will be buying an additional 20 acres to make the acquisition possible.

The Lake Ocheda landowners group will meet on February 3rd. Staff from the Shell Rock River Watershed will give a presentation on lake restoration projects in the Albert Lea area.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The 2011 advisory board meeting will be scheduled for sometime in February or March. Livdahl will talk to the advisory board chair and schedule the meeting.

Dwayne Haffled and Livdahl will meet with MPCA staff in Mankato on February 10th to discuss developing a monitoring plan for Lake Okabena. It is hoped that meaningful data can be collected for setting Total Maximum Daily Loads for the lake and setting goals for the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

The Managers discussed vacating a portion of an easement held by the district for the operation and maintenance of the Ditch 12/Whiskey Ditch Flood Control Project on the land that Bedford Industries proposes to buy from the city for new truck facility. Mike Johnson and Larye Mick were present to explain Bedford's preliminary plans for the site. The board decided that the easement could be vacated on much of the property Bedford proposes purchasing. Livdahl will meet with Johnson and Mick on-site to mark the boundaries of the area where the easement can be vacated. Bedford's attorney will create an easement document to be discussed at a future board meeting.

A draft of the 2010 annual report was briefly discussed. Managers were asked to review the report before the March board meeting.

Goals for the 2011 annual plan were discussed. The plan will be reviewed in detail at the March board meeting.

A meeting was held on January 25th for local government units to review a draft of the new FEMA flood insurance rate maps and discuss flood plain ordinances necessary for residents to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2011 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.