

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**February 3, 2015**

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 and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Scott Rall, advisory committee member and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Milbrandt moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Wenck Associates staff will complete the Lake Okabena study report soon. The report will be emailed to the managers and interested parties when it is received. Jeff Strom and Joe Bischoff plan to be at the March 3rd board meeting to explain the report.

A draft letter to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture about Canada thistle control in wildlife areas and road ditches was discussed. The board will decide whether to mail the letter urging the MDA to change the Canada thistle's noxious weed status at a meeting when Mahlberg and Rogers are present.

Johnson discussed a letter he wrote to the Daily Globe supporting state legislation requiring 50 foot vegetative buffers adjacent to state protected waters. He asked the managers to consider sending a similar letter and lobbying for the legislation.

Livdahl will contact everyone on the district advisory committee to see if they want to continue serving on the committee. Committee appointments will be done at a future meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ingenthron, Milbrandt and Livdahl will meet to work on a draft of the employee handbook and data practices policies before the March board meeting.

The Nobles County aquatic invasive species workgroup met last week to discuss spending the state grant money in 2015. More than half of the money will be spent on print media and radio advertising. Mahlberg met with a Minnesota West law enforcement teacher to see if students could be used to do public education at boat landings this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A draft of the 2014 annual plan was given to the managers. It will be discussed at the March meeting.

Heron Lake Watershed District interns will likely be available this summer to help do water quality sampling and a shoreland inventory of Lake Ocheda. Scheduling will need to be coordinated with the Heron Lake Watershed District. We will reimburse the HLWD \$15.00 plus expenses for the interns' time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.