

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
February 7, 2017

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, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; John Shea, SWCD manager; Scott Rall, Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Water and Soil Resources grant agreement for Prairie View Ponds Modification Project was reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the grant agreement and make Livdahl the district's authorized representative for the grant. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Mahlberg moved to authorize opening a new checking account for grant income and disbursements with Johnson, Ingenthron and Livdahl as signatories. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Johnson signed a work order for the CWP joint powers organization to complete the Prairie View project engineering and create the documents needed for soliciting bids. This work will be completed with local, non-grant, money. The district will sign an agreement with Wenck Associates for construction site services after the grant agreement is approved by the state.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Beaver are rebuilding the dam in the 310th Street culverts. Mahlberg will monitor it.

The 2016 financial records were delivered to Dennis Rick, Ltd for the audit last week.

About 50 people attended the Lake Ocheda enhancement plan public information meeting on January 30th. The second public meeting, using the same presentations is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, at the Hickory Lodge. A third public information meeting will be held approximately one month before the DNR Commissioner's public hearing this fall.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts' legislative event is scheduled for March 29th to 30th. Livdahl will register to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

A draft of the 2016 annual report was discussed. The report will be approved at the March board meeting.

The draft 2017 annual plan was discussed. The plan will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

The One Watershed/One Plan Memorandum of Agreement was discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve and sign the agreement. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2017 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.