

Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
February 5, 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 Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; John Shea, SWCD Manager; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District approved a resolution to petition the state for the district boundary change. Mahlberg signed the petition. The petition and resolutions will be submitted to Doug Goodrich at the Board of Water and Soil Resources this week. GIS layer files of the proposed new district boundaries will likely be needed.

The district is making filter strip incentive payments to landowners in the area that will be transferred to the Kanaranzi-Little Rock watershed district. Some sort of agreement will need to be reached with the landowners and KLRWD before the boundary change occurs. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Justin Langseth and Logan Ahlers want to be appointed to the district's advisory committee. Ingenthron moved to appoint Justin and Logan to the committee. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Kassy Dumke stated that Ducks Unlimited engineers will produce the Lake Ocheda dam bid package as soon as possible. The process for advertising for bids, bid opening and approving a contract was discussed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Livdahl will participate in the MAWD day at the capitol event in St. Paul on February 20-21.

The materials for the 2018 financial audit are ready to be delivered to Dennis L. Rick, LTD. Costs are expected to be about \$300 more than the last audit. An engagement letter will need to be signed when the auditor requests it.

Livdahl will update the district website this month. Managers were asked to look at the site and recommend edits and content changes.

NEW BUSINESS

The Wenck Associates Lake Okabena carp management services agreement was emailed to the board for review. Ingenthron moved to sign the agreement. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee is working on a memorandum of agreement or joint powers agreement to organize and implement the plan. The group will likely hire attorney, Ann Goering, to write the agreement. The Policy Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled due to expected snow. The next meeting will likely be February 13th.

A draft of the 2018 annual report was discussed. Managers were asked to review the report before the March 5th board meeting.

A draft of the 2019 annual plan was discussed. Projects included in the plan are the Lake Ocheda dam reconstruction, Lake Okabena carp tracking and removals and the boundary change. Managers were asked to review the plan before the March 5th board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned