

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
February 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; John Shea, SWCD manager; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The fish screens were installed in the Ocheda dam in January. The final bills for the dam construction and engineering were discussed. Change orders will be approved for installing geotextile fabric on the cofferdams and diversion channel and for blocking the diversion with sheet pilings.

The Prairie View Clean Water Legacy Grant closeout was completed in January. A final payment of \$42,800 will be received soon.

Carp were located in Lake Okabena multiple times during January. Carp have not schooled under the ice yet this winter. Livdahl has communicated with Scott Deslauriers and Aaron Claus about seining carp if they aggregate into big enough schools and ice conditions permit.

BWSR received the signed purchase agreement for the Wellhead Protection grant. A payment of 90% of the grant total will be issued soon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Progress toward the Lake Ocheda drawdown and fish kill was discussed. The water is nine inches deep flowing over the dam sill. The lake level is unchanged over the past week. Dissolved oxygen is low in Ocheda's east basin but relatively high in the west basin.

The Missouri River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board was formed last week to implement the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Gene Metz was elected chairman and Paul Langseth will be the secretary. Nobles SWCD will apply for and administer the implementation grant for the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Drafts of the 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Annual Plan were briefly discussed. They will be reviewed in detail at the March board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2020. The Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room is a polling place that day, so the meeting will likely be held in the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.