

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**February 2, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video meeting software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Seining carp from Lake Okabena was tentatively scheduled for later this week. Due to expected snow and wind on Thursday and Friday, seining will likely occur next week instead. Livdahl and Deslauriers will attempt to locate schools of fish using the radio telemetry and sonar equipment. Livdahl signed an agreement with Wenck to provide technical support to count and weigh fish, scan for PIT tags and estimate the lake's carp population.

A draft of the 2021 plan was emailed to participants before the meeting. Potential 2021 projects were discussed. Managers were asked to provide input on the plan before the March board meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Olson Trust board will meet sometime soon to identify and fund projects.

The Prairie View ponds had from two to three feet of water remaining under the ice last week. Dissolved oxygen levels are high enough to support fish. The DNR plans to stock bluegills in the ponds this spring.

East Lake Ocheda has approximately 1.5 feet of water under the ice today. Dissolved oxygen readings were 13-14 mg/l. The lake would likely need to freeze to the bottom to achieve the fish kill.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The memo from Chris Otterness at Houston Engineering showing potential best management practices at the ISD 518 Crailsheim property was discussed. Chris would like to meet with the managers and school district soon to get input on the options. Mahlberg will call Superintendent Landgaard to set up a meeting with the operations committee.

A draft 2020 annual report was emailed to the meeting attendees earlier today. Managers were asked to review it and provide input so it can be approved at the March board meeting.

Signing the letter engaging Dennis Rick to audit the 2020 financial records was discussed. The price will not exceed \$3,900. Milbrandt moved to authorize Dennis Rick, LTD to conduct the 2020 audit. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.