

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**January 4, 2022**

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Casey Ingenthron, board member attending meeting remotely; Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

A draft of the 2022 budget was discussed. Rogers moved to adopt the budget as presented. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Buying a vehicle sometime in the future was also discussed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Nobles County took no action and allowed the district's office lease to renew. The rental rate in 2022 will be the same as last year.

Water is still running out of Ocheda at a rate great enough to maintain open water between the lake and Peterson Slough. The lake's level remains steady at about 0.4 feet below the dam crest elevation. The dam's fish screens were raised yesterday to prevent ice buildup there.

Ice thicknesses and dissolved oxygen concentrations will be measured in Lake Ocheda regularly this winter starting next week.

Carp Solutions, Inc. will be contacted soon about providing services for Lake Okabena carp population control. Scott Deslauriers will also be contacted and reminded that the district will subsidize carp removal in the lake at a rate up to \$3500 per haul.

A letter engaging Dennis Rick, Ltd. to do the 2021 financial audit was signed and will be mailed soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2021 annual report and 2022 annual plan were discussed. They must be completed by the middle of March. Report drafts will be discussed at the February meeting.

Electing 2022 board officers and appointing Advisory Committee members will part of the February board meeting agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.