

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the June regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes as mailed. McGowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Mahlberg moved to transfer \$40,000 from the checking account into the money market account at Worthington Federal. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Cost-Share payments for septic system replacements for **Jim Schissel** and **Jim Christianson** were approved with the treasurer's report

Mahlberg moved to approve a cost-share payment of \$300 for Mitch and Barb Hogan's rain garden. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction site erosion control was discussed.

Mahlberg, Rogers and Livdahl have met twice to review the district rules. They will meet once more before draft rules are written for review by the Advisory Committee and the rest of the board. A public hearing will need to occur sometime this fall or winter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Nienkerk called today to say that the apartment building under construction on Nobles Street will destroy tile draining agricultural land, an apartment complex and his property. The tile drains the Okabena Estates stormwater pond so it may be part of Worthington's storm sewer system. Livdahl will check into it.

Worthington plans to excavate fill, haul in soil and sod in Lakefront Park. Haffield contacted Livdahl about erosion control for the project. A permit application has not been received yet. No rain gardens are planned on the site.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost-share money may be available this fall for shoreline stabilization at Lake Bella. The estimated cost is \$153,000 for the entire project. Cost-share could pay up to 75% of the cost. Sources of funding for the

local share were discussed.

The 2010 budget was discussed. Livdahl will bring a draft to the board for discussion at the August meeting. The public hearing for the budget will occur before the September meeting.

PERMITS

Williamson moved to approve the following permit:

Jim Bigner – to perform erosion control during work in the shoreland zone at 620 Lake Avenue, Worthington.

Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan Rogers, Williamson.
Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.