

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 7, 2015

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, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Richard Fellows, advisory committee member; Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; John Shea, SWCD manager; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$80,000 from checking to savings. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

A Hospice Cottage board member asked whether the district would consider cost-sharing on an underground rainwater storage tank for irrigating grass and landscaping features on the site. The Hospice Cottage board will be asked to submit an application when they know what they want to do and how much it will cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Milbrandt and Livdahl traveled to Fairmont to view the SolarBee units on Budd Lake. Milbrandt said that SolarBee units are probably not appropriate for Lake Okabena, but may benefit Sunset Bay.

Les Johnson attended a county board sponsored meeting about the state buffer legislation. A follow up meeting will probably be held when more information is available.

The managers received copies of the 2014 financial audit at the June meeting. Mahlberg move to approve the audit report. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Doward and Shirley Dykstra asked to harvest hay from the Ocheda dam property this year. The benefits of mowing grass for wildlife habitat maintenance and fire suppression were discussed. Mahlberg moved allow the Dykstras to remove hay from the Ocheda property this year after July 15th. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Rod Harvey is designing signs for the Olson Regional Stormwater Pond and floating island wetlands at Olson Park. Gordy Heitkamp will ask the Minnesota West administration for permission to install the sign on campus.

The materials for building floating island wetlands have arrived. The Heron Lake Watershed District interns will help plant and install them next week.

Ingenthron and Livdahl attended the MAWD summer tour in Duluth in June.

Livdahl and the interns did a survey of the Lake Ocheda shoreline looking for eroding banks. Low water levels during the past five seasons have helped the shoreline stabilize itself in many locations.

Worthington will install the floating algae boom in Whiskey Ditch this week.

NEW BUSINESS

The final report from Houston Engineering on sediment accumulation in Sunset Bay was discussed by the board.

A draft report from Wenck Associates on the benefits of water quality enhancement best management practices at the Prairie View Links Golf Course was discussed.

The proposed 2016 budget will be discussed in detail at the August board meeting.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permits:

Sanford Health - to perform sediment and erosion control during demolition of clinic buildings on 10th Street in Worthington.

Ridley Block Operations - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of building addition at 2740 County Road 35 East, Worthington.

New Vision Cooperative - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a warehouse addition at 1301 County Road 5, Worthington.

Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.