

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 12, 2016

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, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Les Johnson entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Also present were: Doug Anton and Keith Schroeder, advisory committee members; 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. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

COST-SHARE

The managers approved a cost-share payment to Doug Anton for four alternative intakes with the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Lake Ocheda management plan committee meeting scheduled for June 29th was cancelled. The meeting is rescheduled for 11:00 a.m. on July 14th.

Changing the cost-share policy to cover a higher percentage of the actual cost of alternative intakes will be discussed while reviewing the incentive program policies this fall.

The One Watershed/One Plan grant application for the Missouri River Basin was submitted in June to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Johnson completed thistle mowing and spraying on the recently seeded acres at Bella Park.

The roads at Bella park still need grading and repair. The culvert under the low area of the park entrance road seems to be intact, but water occasionally runs over the road. Mahlberg will call Jeppesen again about doing the work.

The water management partners training session is scheduled for July 26th at Biotechnology Advancement Center.

Livdahl attended the MAWD summer tour in Winona on June 22nd - 24th.

Milbrandt talked to the Lake Okabena Improvement Association about helping to pay for a water quality and weather monitoring buoy. The district will need to take the lead if a buoy is to be installed in 2017.

The Daily Globe published a guest column by Milbrandt discussing recent studies and plans for improving water quality in Lake Okabena. Livdahl heard many positive comments about the article during the previous week.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean Water Legacy Grant applications will be submitted to BWSR by August 8th for the Prairie View project and Missouri River Basin elevation map conditioning. Drafts of the applications will be written by Wenck Associates and Houston Engineering. The applications will be submitted by the district using eLINK.

Nobles County will hold a meeting to discuss issues around the closure of the Herlein-Boote diversion. A district boundary change will likely be part of the agenda. No meeting date has been set.

The 2015 financial audit report was emailed to the board in June. Milbrandt moved to approve the audit report. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried. The report will be posted on the district website soon.

The 2017 budget must be certified by September 15th. A budget hearing will likely occur immediately before the September 6th board meeting. The budget will be discussed in detail at the August 2nd meeting.

Options for conservation practices on Paul Busse's property in the Sunset Bay sub-watershed were discussed.

PERMITS

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permits:

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during the construction of a sanitary sewer system along Knollwood Drive and 1st Avenue SW.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during concrete pavement improvement projects and storm sewer reconstruction on Hagge Street, Darling Drive and Schaap Drive.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during concrete pavement restoration projects on Elmwood Avenue, Tower Street, Oxford Street, 4th Avenue, Nobles Street and Omaha Avenue.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during bituminous overlay projects on 1st Avenue and Clary Street.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during bituminous overlay projects on 10th Avenue, Milton Avenue, Omaha Avenue and Park Avenue.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of the Grand Avenue extension project including street, storm sewer, sidewalk and path construction, and expansion of the storm water pond.

City of Worthington - to perform sediment and erosion control during stock piling of approximately 1000 cubic yards of borrow on the Buss Field property.

New Vision Cooperative - to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of an addition to the existing feed mill building.

GreatLife Golf and Fitness, Worthington - to install approximately 2000 feet of four inch diameter tile in the golf course.

Doug Anton - to install approximately 100 feet of 6 inch diameter tile in the SW 1/4, section 2, Bigelow Township.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 2, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes

July 26, 2016

Heron Lake Watershed District
Kanananzi-Little Rock Watershed District
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
Water Management Partners Workshop
July 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE

HLWD Managers: Jim Buschena, Wayne Rasche, Bruce Leinen, and Harvey Kruger
HLWD Manager absent: Gary Ewert
KLRWD Managers: Coleen Gruis, Layton Gruis, Connie Frahm, and Jerry Brake
KLRWD Manager absent: Tim Taylor
OOWD Managers: Casey Ingenthron, Jeff Rogers, Rolf Mahlberg, Les Johnson, and Jay Milbrandt
HLWD Staff: Erin Nordquist, Catherine Wegehaupt, and Jan Voit
KLRWD Staff: Sabrina Raddle and John Shea
OOWD Staff: Dan Livdahl
Others: Mark Doneux, Capitol Region Watershed District; Steve Woods, Freshwater Society; and Tara Ostendorf, North Fork Crow River Watershed District

Workshop

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. The workshop started at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were given and managers were asked if there were any additional topics that should be covered.

Presenters Steve Woods, Tara Ostendorf, and Mark Doneux covered the topics of Watershed Districts, BWSR, and the World; Watershed Districts' Legal Powers and Purposes, The Value of Your Watershed Management Plan; Your Role as a Leader; and Government Basics.

Adjournment

The workshop ended at 3:45 p.m.