

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 2, 2019

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, Casey Ingenthron, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Matt Widboom, Logan Ahlers and John Ahlers, advisory committee members; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; Doug Goodrich, BWSR conservationist; John Shea, SWCD manager; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The district boundary change petition was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The list of parcels in the area to be transferred to the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District will be forwarded to the County Assessor's office along with the boundary change order.

Lake Okabena carp were located weekly during May and June. Two fish have been missing from the lake for the past three weeks and couldn't be located upstream. Carp will be located approximately monthly during the rest of the year.

Bryce Crucey, Wenck Associates engineer, is working on a design and cost estimate for the Prairie View spillway repair. A special board meeting will be scheduled later this month when the design is complete.

The mid-June algae bloom was tested for microcystin toxins. If present, microcystins were below the testing method detection limit. A samples of the algae was taken and preserved for possible future analysis. Algae blooms will be tested as the occur throughout the summer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Livdahl attended the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management meeting last week for the March 2019 disaster. The Prairie View spillway repair will be considered for financial assistance. It likely will be eligible for disaster mitigation funding. The reimbursement payment for repairing the spillway in 2018 should be issued by the state soon.

Dennis Rick, LTD did not complete the 2018 financial audit before June 30th. As a result, Livdahl was unable to complete the required online financial report and audit upload before the Minnesota State Auditor's deadline. The state report will be done as soon as the audit is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Goodrich updated the managers on the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management plan review process and other state programs.

The schedule for the Lake Ocheda water level drawdown was discussed. Josh Kavanagh wrote an operation and management plan for the dam that needs to be reviewed and approved before a drawdown can occur. A letter will be mailed to the riparian landowners around August 1st when more is known about the drawdown schedule.

Another attempt will be made to get quotes from contractors to repair riprap in the pool below the Lake Bella spillway.

The Nobles County Historical Society listed the OOWD as one of the sponsors in their application for showing the *We Are Water MN* display. Their application was not approved.

PERMITS

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permit applications

City of Worthington – to perform erosion and sediment control during projects to mill and overlay Lake Avenue, replace sidewalk ramps along Lake Avenue and improve East Avenue pavement.

Lakeside Church – to perform erosion and sediment control during a project to replace the existing parking lot with a concrete parking lot.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema Ingenthron, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 16, 2019

A special 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 and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; John Shea, SWCD manager; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The design and cost estimate for the Prairie View spillway repair project were reviewed. The Flexamat on the spillway will be removed and replaced with riprap. The engineer's cost estimate for the project is \$161,200. Haffield and Livdahl believe the cost estimates for installed riprap is high. Other lump sum costs may be estimated too low.

The managers discussed the failure of the spillway design and whether the engineer should be held responsible for paying for the needed repairs. Further discussion will occur at the August board meeting.

A state disaster meeting was held on June 25th for the March 2019 rain and snowmelt event that damaged the spillway. Application was made at the meeting for spillway repair costs. The repair may be eligible for state disaster mitigation reimbursement.

Livdahl recommended advertising for bids on the Quest site beginning on July 17th and in the Globe on July 20th. Bids would be opened at 2:00 p.m. on August 6th and the contract could be awarded later that afternoon at the regular August board meeting.

Milbrandt moved to advertise the projects for bids on the Quest website and in the Globe. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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