

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Galen Gordon, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Norm Gallagher, County Commissioner; Don Basche, Advisory Committee Chair; Ed Lenz, SWCD Technical Coordinator and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the May regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. 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 \$10,000 from the Worthington Federal money market account to the Bank of the West checking account. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

A septic system replacement cost-share payment for Duane Gruis was approved with the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Earthwork for the Vogt Park rain garden is complete. The disturbed area was seeded. The rain garden plants will be installed soon. A citizen complaint was received about soil washing from the construction site into Lake Okabena. Staff and managers viewed the site and decided the complaint was not true.

Construction site erosion control permit compliance was discussed. The McDonalds and Brunk sites were seeded in May. Livdahl will talk to the contractor at the Hogan site about soils tracked into the street. Mike Bousema needs a permit for a home under construction.

The restroom at Bella park was resingled in May. Neinker Construction was contacted to pump the holding tank. Screen will be installed to keep birds from nesting in the building.

Paul Bridgland, NRCS Area Engineer, inspected the Lake Bella dam. He stated that willow trees on the dam and emergency spillway need to be removed and riprap should be installed to reinforce the shoreline between the dam and emergency spillway. Mahlberg moved to authorize the dam repair. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Don Basche asked the Managers about their vision for the Advisory Committee. The statutory requirement for the committee and possible issues for the committee to address were discussed. Basche will meet with some other advisory committee members soon.

John Ahlers asked about installing riprap on the Lake Bella shoreline. He also asked whether CRP incentive payments will be increased for future signups. Johnson and Livdahl will meet with him.

Worthington used the City swimming pool parking lot to dispose of snow during April. According to City staff, it was used because other disposal sites were too muddy to drive onto with trucks. Methods for containing pollution from the melt water were discussed, including using the street cleaner earlier in the spring.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Livdahl helped Jeff Rogers take two Envirothon teams to the state contest in Fergus Falls on May 14th. The District bought supper for seven of the students.

A Highway 60 open house was held by MNDOT on May 20th. Construction will be in three phases beginning in 2010 and ending in 2013.

A MNDOT engineer called to get permission to do soil borings on the St. John property farmed by the Doedens. MNDOT will contact them directly and reimburse them for any crop damage.

NEW BUSINESS

The Ocheda Beavers 4-H Club members have volunteered to help do water quality monitoring this summer at Lake Ocheda. This is a good education opportunity for club members. Wayne Smith's boat will be used to accommodate the volunteers. Some sort of compensation should be given to Wayne.

Installing a dock at the Lake Bella boat landing was discussed.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during bituminous pavement reconstruction, bituminous pavement surfacing and catch basin reconstruction projects.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during water main and sanitary sewer reconstruction projects and manhole and sanitary sewer pipe spot repairs.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during concrete surface restoration projects.

Shelly and Doris Gaul – to perform erosion control during construction of a pole building at 516 Nobles Street.

John Landgaard – to perform erosion control during construction of a new home at 1936 Woodland Court.

Doug Anton – to install approximately 2200 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the NE ¼, SE ¼, section 35, Worthington Township.

Brad Hoekstra – to install approximately 200 feet of 5 inch diameter tile between the NE ¼, and the SE ¼, section 18, Bigelow Township.

Brian Dorcey – to perform erosion control during construction of a new home at 2590 Buchanan Court, Worthington.

Doug Buntjer – to reconstruct a grassed waterway and install approximately 2450 feet of tile in the NW ¼, SW ¼, section 9, Bigelow Township.

Dean Christopherson – to install approximately 4000 feet of tile in the W ½, SW ¼, section 36, Bigelow Township.

Dean Christopherson – to install approximately 2000 feet of tile in the SE ¼, SE ¼, section 35, Bigelow Township.

Russell Farms – to install approximately 42,500 in the SE ¼, and the W ½, SW ¼ and the SE ¼, NW ¼, section 33, Bigelow Township.

Russell Farms – to install approximately 50,000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the NE ¼, NE ¼, section 35, Bigelow Township and the N ½, section 36, Bigelow Township.

Russell Farms – to install approximately 2500 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the SE ¼, SE ¼, section 32, Bigelow Township.

Russell Farms – to install approximately 25,000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the SE ¼, section 31, Bigelow Township.

Worthington Public Utilities – to perform erosion control during water tower construction at 467 CSAH 5.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be on July 1, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Nobles County Public Works Building, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.