

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 2, 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 and Jim Mc Gowan. Also present were: Norm Gallagher, County Commissioner; Dawn Madison, NRCS Technician; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

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

COST-SHARE

Mahlberg moved to approve the following cost-share agreement:

Hospice Cottage – Rain Gardens/Vegetative Swale, 75% up to a \$300 maximum per rain garden basin and not to exceed \$900 for the entire project..

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

Madison presented a cost-share request from Susanne Murphy to build a wildlife pond/storm water pond on her property. Since the district has not approved cost-share funding for wildlife ponds in the past, more information is needed on the pond's potential water quality benefits before making a decision.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction site erosion control was discussed. The Fareway site needs to be temporarily stabilized. Dan Wagner said he seeded along the curb to provide erosion control.

Bills were passed in the Minnesota House and Senate that would allow the DNR to issue permits for the temporary drawdown of public waters with the consent of a 75% of the riparian landowners. The bill was signed by the Governor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Worthington would like the OOWD to document construction site inspections in a way that helps them meet their stormwater permit requirements.

Roundup was sprayed on ash and cottonwood trees on the St. John property. Johnson was on-site and believes that controlling the trees is a losing battle, since seed will continue to be produced by trees on the perimeter of the property.

Williamson and Livdahl completed the first water quality samples for Lake Okabena in May. Ocheda Beavers 4-H Club volunteers will help do sampling in Lake Bella beginning in June. Wayne Smith's boat will be used at Lake Bella.

The Bella Park landing still needs to be repaired before it is accessible to boat trailers. Scott Rall says it should be repaired by the DNR this week.

Livdahl talked to Public Works Department staff about landowners farming in County road right-of-ways. Ed Busch viewed the Vander Kooi site on County Highway 57. Busch said that compelling compliance with county rules is difficult. Mahlberg will contact County Commissioner David Benson.

Johnson and Livdahl still need to talk to Virgil Wiertsema and view the East Lake Okabena basin site.

Livdahl stated that he is uncertain about whether the students producing stormwater education videos will complete the job.

County grounds maintenance staff will reseed a portion of the County and City parking lot at the intersection of 4th Avenue and 9th Street.

NEW BUSINESS

According to the SWCD engineering staff, it would cost approximately \$80 per foot to stabilize the shoreline at Bella Park. It would cost about \$100 per foot to stabilize the Langseth shoreline. The engineers will complete a design if the District or the Langseth family want to proceed with the project.

A summary of Legacy Amendment dedicated funding was given to the Managers.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to take the Vander Kooi permit application from the table. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Soil samples were taken on the site and appear to be normal. Worthington Public Utilities staff are more concerned about manure entering Smith Lake with surface runoff than nutrients being transported to the site by tile. The proposed new tile would enter existing tile that outlets downstream of the Malcolm Wellfield. Mahlberg moved to approve **David Vander Kooi's** application to install approximately 10,000 feet of tile in the NE ¼, section 3, Bigelow Township. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mc Gowan moved to approve the following permit applications:

City of Worthington – to perform erosion during water main reconstruction on 1st Avenue, sanitary sewer reconstruction on 8th Avenue and spot sanitary sewer repairs on 11th street.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during construction of a bituminous bike path along 1st Avenue SW.

City of Worthington - to perform erosion control during concrete restoration of a portion of Clary Street.

City of Worthington – to install approximately 70 feet of 4 inch diameter tile in the NW ¼, NW ¼, section 13, Worthington Township.

Warren Wass – to install approximately 600 feet of tile int the S ½, SW ¼, section 8, Bigelow Township.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System – to perform erosion control during construction of water pipelines.

Paul Langseth – to install approximately 3000 feet of 4 inch diameter tile in the NW ¼, NE ¼, section 5, Indian Lake Township.

William Gordon – to cleanout a ditch in the NW ¼, section 15, Worthington Township.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.