

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 1, 2010

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, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were: Gene Foth, County Commissioner; Ed Lenz, SWCD Manager; and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Erosion control compliance issues were discussed. Contractors are doing well following the stormwater pollution prevention plans at the Hy-Vee and Bedford construction sites.

Mahlberg and Livdahl will talk to Paul Langseth about arranging Lake Ocheda landowners gathering to tour the lake and discuss management options.

Johnson will sign another letter to the Worthington City Council urging them to create a permanent fund for groundwater and surface water protection using the hospital sale proceeds.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The MAWD Summer Tour will occur on June 24-26 in the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Livdahl will register to attend.

The Ocheda Beavers will build wood duck and bluebird houses on July 17th. Many of the houses will be installed in the Bella Park and Ocheda Dam areas.

More stationary and envelopes need to be ordered. Mahlberg moved to spend up to \$700 for stationary and envelopes. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. The logo will be printed in a lighter shade of blue.

The Lake Okabena Improvement Association board is meeting tonight with Conrad Schmidt to talk about whether Bioverse products could work to prevent algae growth in Sunset Bay or Lake Okabena. Livdahl will attend the meeting.

John Ahlers will begin doing tillage to level gopher mounds and spray roundup in the areas to be reseeded in Bella Park. Thistles will likely need to be sprayed in other areas of the park.

Pheasants Forever hopes to complete the land purchase of Gordon Wiertsema's property tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Diverting water from Sunset Bay to Lake Ocheda to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to Lake Okabena was discussed. Livdahl will investigate whether a diversion is feasible. Management of the water level in the Sunset Bay desilting basin was also discussed.

Letters of violation were sent to Katherine Sonstegard and Kelvin Vande Kamp for tile intakes installed this spring in violation of district rules. Charles Loosbrock asked whether the Sonstegard intake could be remain in place until after harvest this fall. Vande Kamp asked for permission to keep the intake in place on the Langseth property through the cropping season. Mahlberg moved to allow the intakes to remain in place on the condition that silt barriers are installed to keep soil from enter them, and the intakes are removed by December 1, 2010. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The SWCD will be sending a newsletter to agricultural landowners and producers this fall. Lenz said the OOWD could contribute content to the newsletter, if we pay a portion of the cost.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications:

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during concrete reconstruction of First Avenue.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during bituminous overlay projects on Third Avenue and East Ninth Avenue, and bituminous pavement reconstruction projects on Ally Block 12 and Ally Block 30, and catch basin reconstructions on Marine Avenue.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during the Memorial Auditorium renovation and addition project.

Southwestern Mental Health Center – to perform erosion control during construction of the Unity House facility.

Paul Fishel – to perform erosion control during the construction of a new home at 1066 Woodland Court.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on July 6, 2010 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.