

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**June 7, 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, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Keith Schroeder, advisory committee member; John Shea, Nobles SWCD manager, Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$3000 from savings into checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jan Voit talked about the watershed district managers training session scheduled for July 26th. She encouraged the OOWD managers to attend. The OOWD will pay one third of the session's expenses.

The next Lake Ocheda management plan meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on June 29th. A draft of the plan should be ready for public comment shortly after the meeting. Doug Anton told Livdahl that three Lake Ocheda landowners would like to meet with the DNR to express their concerns and ask questions about the plan.

A draft policy for filter strip incentives was discussed by the board. Mahlberg moved to adopt the policy, paying \$150 per acres per year for eligible filter strips. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ingenthron is registered to attend the MAWD Summer Tour on June 22-24 in Winona. Livdahl may attend if he can still register.

The Area V Environmental Fair will be in Slayton this year. Mahlberg moved to donate \$100 to help pay expenses for the fair. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Rogers and Mahlberg will inspect the cover crop growing at the St. John site to make recommendations on what to do next on the property.

Milbrandt and Livdahl attended the work session between the Worthington City Council and District 518 about the future of soccer fields on the Vogt property. Livdahl told the group that the watershed district would like to have its engineer involved in any plans involving storage and treatment of stormwater on the site.

Worthington will be raising the Buss Field soccer fields this fall. A shallow stormwater pond will likely be built on the site.

Livdahl called the district's auditor to remind him that it needs to be done by the end of the June.

The NRCS Local Work Group meeting is scheduled at 8:00 tomorrow at the Ag. Service Center.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The draft Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) document for the Missouri River Basin was emailed to the managers. MPCA staff are writing the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) document now.

The 2017 budget will be discussed during the July and August board meetings. The district will consider raising the levy to cover the cost of the Lake Ocheda enhancement project and engineering for other projects.

Milbrandt proposed installing a buoy in Lake Okabena to measure weather conditions and water quality parameters. Real-time data could be accessed by the public using a smart phone app. A quote for the buoy was presented to the board. Milbrandt will talk to the Lake Okabena Improvement Association to see if they are interested in paying part of the cost.

## **PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permits:

**City of Worthington** - to perform sediment and erosion control during the construction of storm sewer systems on Fifteenth Street, Nobles Street and James Boulevard.

**Doug Fransen** - to install riprap on Lake Okabena's shoreline at 1129 West Lake Avenue.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.