

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 4, 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 Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Logan Ahlers and Scott Rall, advisory committee members; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; John Shea, SWCD manager; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The district boundary change petition will likely be approved at the August BWSR meeting. 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.

The DNR permit for the Lake Ocheda structure modification project was received today. Mahlberg signed two copies of the project contract with Land Pride Construction today. The copies will be mailed to them for signatures.

Maps of radio tagged carp locations in Lake Okabena were reviewed. Carp will be tracked weekly until the end of June and monthly afterwards for the rest of the year.

The Prairie View spillway will be repaired replacing the Flexamat with riprap. Wenck Associates will be asked to estimate costs for the design and spillway repair. Ingenthron moved to form a subcommittee to review the costs and authorize the repair design. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Milbrandt and Ingenthron will serve on the committee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

MPCA conducted an audit of Worthington's compliance with their MS4 permit on May 30th. Inspections were done at the Centennial Park splashpad and bathhouse construction site and the Bedford Industries site.

Ingenthron and Livdahl are registered to attend the MAWD Summer Tour in Moorhead on June 27th – 28th.

Livdahl was contacted about testifying at a trial on July 10th. He has not received a subpoena yet. The defendant is charged with damaging property at Bella Park.

Lake water levels have been monitored regularly since the Memorial Day rain event.

Les Johnson and Scott Rall conducted a burn of prairie areas at Bella Park on May 10th. They were asked to submit a bill. The vegetation is recovering well. Livdahl will spray thistles where they are visible.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment and test strips were ordered to monitor Lake Okabena algae blooms for toxins this season. Water samples will be tested as blooms occur this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.