

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 state of emergency. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor.

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

COST-SHARE

An application from Dennis Bonsma for conservation use acres cost-share was discussed. Rogers moved to approve the agreement for up to \$1500. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Installing a carp barrier on the Olson Regional Stormwater Pond on the Minnesota West campus was discussed. A drawing of a barrier installed on a similar outlet of another pond was reviewed. Minnesota West gave permission to install a barrier. Livdahl will contact local contractors or fabricators to get a bid.

All the money received from the BWSR wellhead protection grant has been transferred to the Nobles County Pheasants Forever chapter to complete the Drost property purchase. The closing will occur in early July.

Ingenthron, Mahlberg and Glenn Kremer worked on the new trail on the east side of Lake Bella. Mahlberg will mow the trails in the future as needed. Signs were purchased and installed on both trails.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Equipment and test strips were purchased last year to sample Lake Okabena's algae blooms and determine the presence of microcystin toxins. Livdahl will use the supplies to test algae blooms this season.

The vegetation is poor on the floating islands in the Minnesota West stormwater pond. One of the islands somehow flipped over last winter or this spring. The islands will be inspected and may be replanted next year if they are in good enough condition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahlberg and Livdahl will communicate with John Landgaard again about installing potential water quality improvement practices on ISD #518 land.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application and authorize Livdahl to sign the permit resolution form.

Dan Wagner – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of an extension of Sterling Avenue and the development of single family and twin home lots in Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

Administrator's Report
July 7, 2020

Robinson Culvert

FEMA Payment